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Important Paris Meeting

NEW PLAN TO LINK UNIFICATION & DISARMAMENT

Paris, May 3.

France and Germany reached "full agreement" today on a French plan to link world disarmament to the reunification of Germany.

The agreement was reached at an hour-and-a-half meeting this morning between the French Premier M. Guy Mollet and his Foreign Minister M. Christian Pineau and the West German Foreign Minister, Dr Heinrich von Brentano.

The decision swept away German suspicions of French intentions on the eve of the NATO Council meeting.

The Franco-German session was one of a series of meetings between the individual Western Foreign Ministers preliminary to the full sessions of the NATO Council on Friday and Saturday.

The French Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Maurice Faure outlined the French plan in a newspaper interview this morning.

M. Mollet and M. Pineau have already explained it to the American disarmament delegate Mr Harold Stassen. And M. Pineau outlined it again last night to Mr Dulles. It appeared to be along the same lines as British proposals.

THE PLAN

First, control organisations would be set up and nominal arms reductions made.

Secondly, general disarmament would be conditional on reunifying Germany through free elections and perhaps the solution of other problems.

"France's view on the international situation and disarmament and unification in particular corresponds entirely with our view," Dr von Brentano said.

"We leave this meeting completely satisfied."

THE SAAR

Dr von Brentano said the two sides were also near agreement on the future of the Saar and the building of the Moselle Canal linking the coal mines of the Ruhr to the rich iron deposits of the French Lorraine.

"There is complete agreement that this should be settled quickly in the interests of Franco-German relations, of the Saar people and its economy," Dr von Brentano said.

"We have made good progress.

"The secretaries of State (Herr Walter Hallstein for Germany and M. Faure for France) will meet on May 15 to draft an agreement on the Saar which will go to the two heads of government early in June at Luxembourg.

BIG TWO MEETING

"In addition to the Saar treaty there will be a tripartite accord with Luxembourg on the Moselle Canal."

The date of the meeting between M. Mollet and the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer will probably be June 2.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mission Fulfilled

TO all intents and purposes Mr Dag Hammarskjold has completed his peace mission to the Middle East, with remarkably promising results. If he has not found a complete solution to the several problems which bedevil Arab-Israel relations, he has at least fully accomplished the prime purpose of his tour—removed the immediate danger of war between Israel and her neighbours.

Undeniably there has been a profound change for the better in the Middle East atmosphere as a result of Mr Hammarskjold's negotiations. When he arrived at Beirut four weeks ago, the uneasy armistice between Israel and Egypt seemed likely to disintegrate into out-and-out war; since then he has obtained from those two countries written pledges of an unconditional ceasefire in the Gaza area, and agreement to more UN observation posts and mobile patrols on both sides of the demarcation line.

Mr Hammarskjold's achievements must not however be overevalued. They are to some extent limited, though nonetheless useful. He has, for example, won only partial success in getting ceasefire pledges from Israel's other Arab neighbours. Syria and Lebanon have indicated that their agreement to a ceasefire is conditional on Israel refraining from putting into effect plans for diverting the River Jordan within the demarcation area.

This is a sore issue in relations between Israel and her Arab neighbours, and the refusal of Syria and Lebanon to agree to an unconditional ceasefire is the biggest disappointment of the Hammarskjold peace mission. It constitutes the most dangerous existing threats to the peace of Palestine.

Consolidation of Mr Hammarskjold's mediation efforts becomes the next urgent task of the United Nations. The UN must not only contrive to persuade Israel and Syria to reach an agreement on the Jordan waters, but it must find a solution to the problem of the 900,000 dispossessed Arab refugees whose continued restiveness could provide the spark necessary to set off full-scale hostilities on the Arab-Israel borders.

Because the refugees are a real menace to Middle East peace, the United Nations must evolve a plan either to resettle them or recompense them in a manner that will satisfy their legitimate demands.

The UN Secretary-General has managed to cool Arab-Israel tempers and given his organisation a new opportunity of working out an agreeable permanent solution to Middle East problems. If Russia abides by the promise made by Bulganin and Khrushchev and co-operates fully with the Security Council in drawing up an acceptable formula to govern future Arab-Israel relations, the prospects of a lasting settlement will be that much increased.

First step might be a collective agreement to ban the supply of arms to the Middle East.

REFORM OR DIE: POUJADE

Paris, May 3.

M. Pierre Poujade, the French anti-tax leader said in an exclusive interview tonight: "the Fourth Republic must end at the earliest possible moment and must be followed by a Fifth Republic, possibly with a Presidential type of regime — or else it will be the death of France."

M. Poujade was given almost dictatorial powers over his movement at the end of a three-day congress at St Cere last night.

Asked about his attitude to Soviet Russia and the Atlantic Pact M. Poujade said: "I maintain a prudent reserve about the declarations made by Soviet leaders, because these do not always conform with acts of the machine of international communism.

"In any case collectivism is the enemy No. 1 of every Frenchman who remains attached to his independence and civilisation.

"As regards our allies we are not always in agreement with them about the way things are done but the fact remains that Western solidity must be preserved without reserve."

HIS IDEA

Asked whether he thought the States General which his congress had authorised him to organise would result in a Governmental reform so as to provide France with a strong and stable Government that would safeguard freedom, he replied: "The role of the States General is not to take the place of the State. There is no question of making the States General a permanent institution. They are not Parliament.

"But there is the possibility of drawing from the country the force and the courage needed to imbue the state again with independence, authority and continuity without which all countries fall into decay."

M. Poujade said others had already tried to reform the State, but they had looked for a solution to this problem "in the very spheres that are responsible for the decay."

"The normal result of the States General should be the reform of the State and of its institutions and, automatically, the passing over to the Fifth Republic," he added.

"My personal opinion is that a Presidential type of regime will save the situation, but of course only the States General can decide," M. Poujade said.—Reuter.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LOST FROGMAN? POLICE INQUIRING

Portsmouth, May 3.

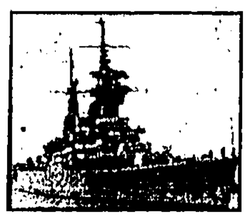
Police admitted today they were conducting a secret investigation into the disappearance of Lionel (Buster) Crabb, Britain's No 1 "Frogman".

But they would not comment on speculation that the Russians may have had something to do with it.

"Our inquiries are governed by the Official Secrets Act (which governs peacetime espionage and treason)," said the spokesman. "Our officers are working on instructions from London."

It was known, however, that Jack Lamport, chief of detectives, had removed pages covering the first three weeks of April from the register of the hotel where Crabb was staying.

The former naval commander, who was making secret underwater tests for the Government, was last seen on April 18 when he donned skin-diving gear and went into Portsmouth harbour, a few miles from where the Russian cruiser Orzhonikidze dropped anchor.



Orzhonikidze

His disappearance was kept secret for nine days and no official theory has been advanced to account for it.

The naval authorities denied today that the work Crabb was doing for the government would have brought him near the Orzhonikidze, which brought Mr Khrushchev and Marshal Bulganin.

The London Daily Mail reported today that Crabb checked into a Portsmouth hotel on April 17 in the company of a man the paper has so far been unable to identify. Crabb's companion returned later and paid the missing man's bill, the Mail said.

The newspaper said Crabb left the hotel at noon on April 18. Lamport came to the hotel the following day and collected the register. Crabb was awarded the George Medal for heroic underwater work while he was a naval officer during World War II.
—United Press.

B & K Chat With Tourists

Moscow, May 4.

The Russian leaders Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev surprised a group of foreign and local tourists at the Kremlin by going out of their way to have a chat with them.

It was the first time the two leaders who have just returned from a visit to Britain have been known to make such informal contact with Kremlin visitors.

The incident was brought about by one of the group of tourists Herr Hans Hubmann, a photographer from Munich, West Germany, who noticed the two leaders walking along the other side of one of the Kremlin's big open squares.

He shouted to Marshal Bulganin "Mr Prime Minister" and pointed the two out to other tourists who joined him in waving at them to attract their attention.

When he saw the two leaders had observed the group Hubmann set off across the square intending to photograph them close up.

He was immediately stopped by security guards only to be released on the orders of Mr Khrushchev, the Communist party chief.—Reuter.

NEW MOB RIOTS IN MOROCCO

Marrakesh, May 3.

Mobs of Moroccan nationalists surged through the native district for the second day today, torturing and murdering residents.

So far, at least 33 are dead.

First reports from the scene said five more followers of the late pro-French Pasha, El Glaoui were killed. The rampage was similar to one in the same area yesterday in which 28 were killed.

Fire engines with sirens screaming raced into the crowded native quarter. Police cars with loud speakers warned that troops has been instructed to fire into the mobs.

Native Goumier troops reinforced by French Foreign Legionnaires from Fez, moved into the Arab district of the city during the night.

Native Chief Killed

One of today's victims was identified as the Caid of the Loulka tribe which is living in tents south-east of the city limits.

The rioters burned down a department store in yesterday's massacre.

An estimated 30 houses were ablaze today. The European district, heavily guarded by troops and police, was calm.

The cabinet, meeting in emergency under Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef late last night in Rabat, denounced the rioters and promised to mete out stern punishment for "men responsible for the disturbances."—United Press.

TRADE WITH EMPIRE *before* TRADE WITH RUSSIA?

London, May 3.

Mr M. Graham Page, a Conservative MP, asked today in the House of Commons if trade with the Empire would be placed before trade with Russia.

Replying to the question, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade said: "I cannot give assurances as to how particular firms may conduct their business. But it is certainly the government's hope that this trade with Russia will be additional to our exports elsewhere."

In a supplementary question, Mr Page asked: "Can you not give as much glamour publicity to the list of exports required by the Colonies of the Commonwealth as has been given to the list required by the Russians?

"Will you use your influence —while welcoming this trade with Russia — to prevent our manufacturers and exporters from reaching for the moon of Russian trade to the detriment of markets waiting for them for the asking in the Empire?"

Mr Thorneycroft replied: "We cannot have too many export opportunities. We need all we can get and we must seize them."
—London Express Service.

German Navy Officer Dismissed

Wilhelmshaven, May 3.

Lieutenant-Commander Dobberstein, who was directing the establishment of the West German navy in the North Sea sector, has been dismissed by the Federal Defence Ministry, it was learned today.

The dismissal followed a letter sent by Dobberstein to the Defence Ministry, protesting against what he called the "glorification" of former Grand Admiral Fritz Doenitz in the new navy.

On January 10, during the enlistment of the first sailors of the Bundeswehr, Captain Zenker, then commander of the fleet, criticised the Allied attitude to Doenitz. Later, Vice-Admiral Ruge was appointed Fleet Commander.—France-Presse.

£10,000 Reward

Nicosia, May 3.

A £10,000 reward, British protection and a free passage to anywhere in the world were offered today for information leading to the capture of George Grivas.

Grivas, 57, reputed to be the mystery leader of the outlawed terrorists organisation EOKA, who signs himself Digenis, is a retired Greek Army General and former resistance fighter.—China Mail Special.

'Thought I'd Do World A Favour'

LOVER DIES: WOMAN CHARGED WITH BRUTAL CAR MURDER

New Orleans, May 3.

The police charged a green-eyed stenographer today with murdering her former lover by repeatedly running over him with her car.

"God and I are tired of men taking advantage of women," explained a tearful Beatrice Adams, 33, at the gaol. "I realised he was like all other men—rotten to the core. I thought I'd do the world a favour."

But a male witness said Mrs Adams, a former member of the Women's Marine Corps, had "hell in her heart, with ice water for blood", when she ran down her 300-pound lover, Max Jernigan, before hundreds of rush-hour pedestrians yesterday.

Jernigan died early today. The incident occurred on the lot where he worked.

'Most Cold-blooded'

"It was the most cold-blooded thing I've ever seen," said the witness, mechanic Jack Holland. "A job of killing was all that woman had on her mind. God knows how many times she ran over him."

Holland said he eventually stopped the woman's car by releasing the hood and ripping out the ignition wires.

"But even then she rolled down her window and screamed at poor Max: 'Max, you better ask God to forgive you before you die—for what you did to me,'" he added.

"I would do it again," she said later. "He took my love, then scorned me when his wife came back. He took advantage of me."

'Pestered Me'

She said Jernigan got her telephone number from the salesman who sold her the car last August, while he was separated from his wife, and "started pestering me."

They spent their first night together in a hotel, she said. Then she moved into his apartment.

"In our hearts we were married," she said. "He introduced me as his wife."

But just before Christmas, she said, Jernigan attacked her while drunk because "he knew his wife was coming back—so he had to get rid of me."

Electric Chair

She said she had been married briefly to a man who turned out to be a bigamist and whose name she did not remember.

As a reporter left her cell, she wanted to know if Louisiana had ever electrocuted a woman.
—United Press.

Eden's Embargo Plans

London, May 3.

Britain would support a United Nations discussion on the negotiation of an embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today.—Reuter.

STEVENSON POPULAR IN POLL

Washington, May 3.

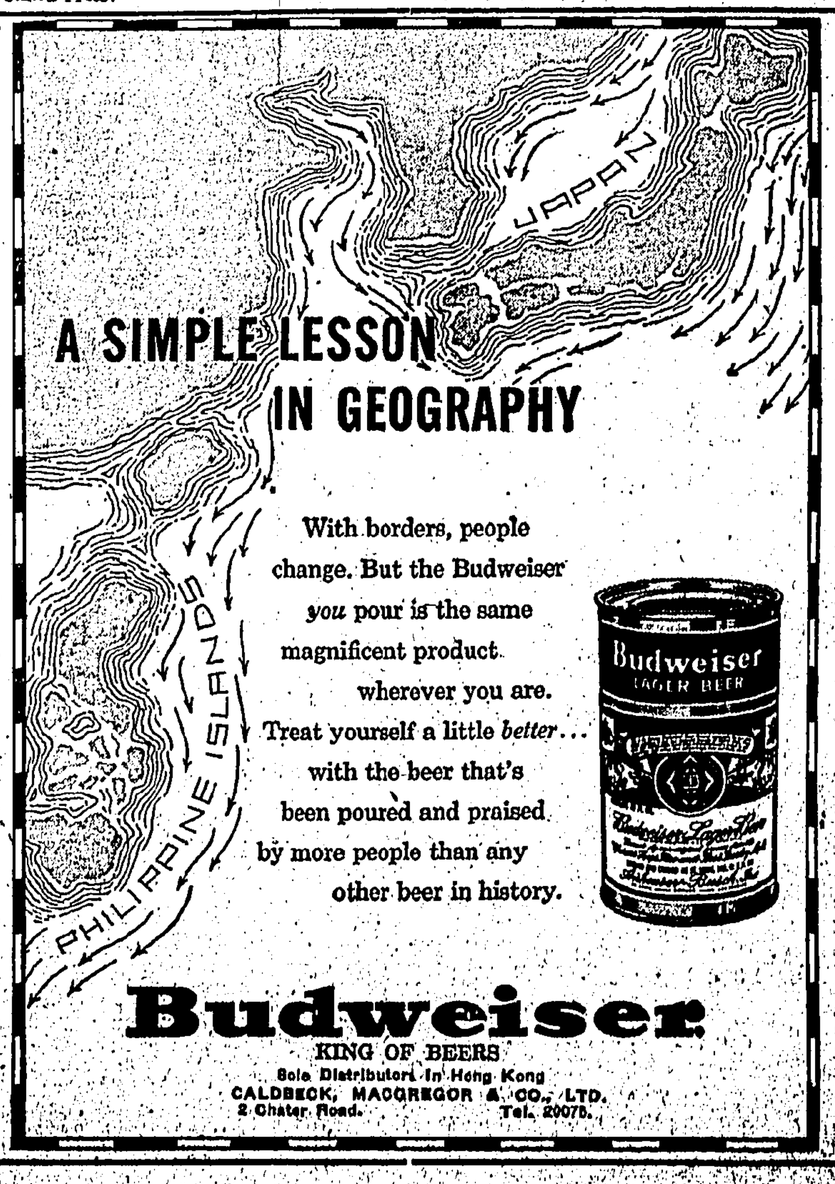
A poll of Democratic Congressmen indicated today that many members of the Party wanted Mr Adlai Stevenson to accept its Presidential nomination.

The poll, conducted by the Congressional Quarterly News Features, a news agency, drew 101 replies from the 260 Democratic Senators and Representatives.

They gave Mr Stevenson 63 votes to seven for Senator Estes Kefauver, the other active Democratic candidate.

Other votes included 15 for Senator Stuart Symington, of Missouri, seven for Sen. Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, five for Ohio's Governor, Mr Frank Lausche, and four for Governor Averell Harriman, of New York.

Mr Stevenson, and Senators Symington and Johnson all showed strength in the South with Mr Stevenson receiving 23 out of 45 southern votes cast. Senator Symington got eight and Senator Johnson five. Mr Harriman received all of his votes from the north-east section of the country.—United Press.



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Four BIG new features begin in the BIG feature-packed China Mail tomorrow.

BEGINNING: *"Deadline and Dateline" by Rene MacColl — in which he tells the inside stories — never before told — that he has heard in 20 years of foreign reporting.*

BEGINNING: *Bruce Dooland — ex-Australian Test cricketer now playing for Notts — will be writing for the China Mail on the forthcoming Test series. His first report appears tomorrow.*

BEGINNING: *"Life With Allen", by Gerald Allen, whose stories are always good for a laugh. Don't miss this rollicking new series which begins tomorrow.*

BEGINNING: *"Through My Lens," by Jack Cardiff, the cameraman all the leading stars of the day ask for. David Lewin starts off the Jack Cardiff story tomorrow.*

There are many other features as well — and all your regular favourites, like Jane Roberts' film reviews, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special sections for women, children and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles, Giles — add all the tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley — all in the China Mail.

U.K. COAL INDUSTRY'S HUGE LOSS

London, May 3.

Britain's state-owned coal industry lost £19,000,000 in the financial year just ended—its biggest loss since it was nationalised ten years ago, official accounts showed today.

The industry's total loss now stands at £36,000,000.

The National Coal Board, managing body, blamed the figures on big imports of expensive coal made necessary by a series of crippling strikes.

This coal from abroad—11,000,000 tons—had to be sold at the price of home coal, which meant a loss of £27,000,000.

At the same time, to meet existing contracts, Britain had to export 11,700,000 tons of her own coal to such countries as Denmark and Ireland.

The Board said that more coal would be imported this year and exports would be reduced.

Mr James Bowman, National Coal Board Chairman, told a press conference that because of the loss, coal prices would have to go up this year.—Reuter.

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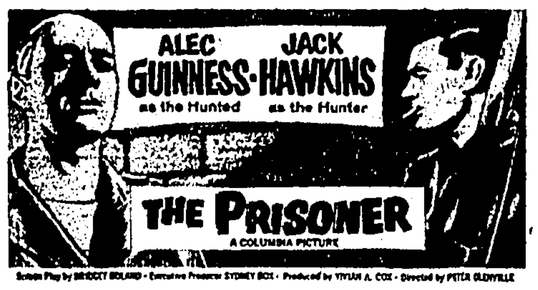

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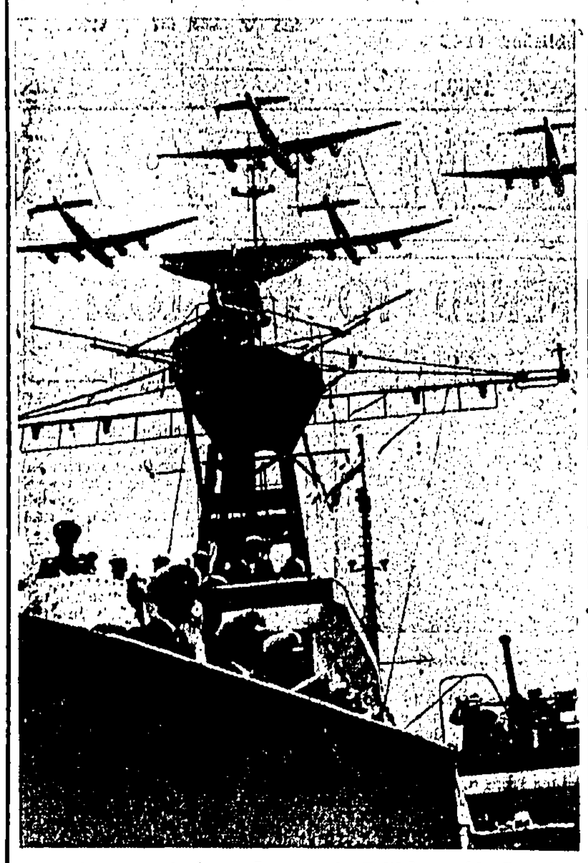

A group of planes fly over the British warship Surprise during exercises off Malta, part of recent combined sea and air manoeuvres of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation powers. Participating were Britain, France, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the USA.—Express Photo.

BATTLE IN BRAZIL

Latest Rebellion Abortive: One Killed

Rio de Janeiro, May 3.

Long-festering political rivalries in Maranhao State broke out today in an abortive armed rebellion aimed at overthrowing the acting State Governor, Eurico Ribeiro.

One person was killed and an undetermined number wounded in a seven-hour revolt headed by Captain Alves Gondim of the military police in the capital city of Sao Luis.

Gondim, at the head of 23 men armed with four machine-guns and a number of rifles, marched on the Palace of the Lions, the Governor's residence, shortly after midnight.

Loyal Officer

Ribeiro and Federal Senator Vitorino Freire, the State's political boss, were in the Palace at the time. Authorities said later that Gondim intended to overthrow Ribeiro, replacing him with the Lieutenant-Governor, Alexander Costa.

A loyal officer attempted to send a messenger to warn the Palace but the messenger was intercepted. Rebels shooting at the messenger killed a bystander.

Palace Guards and rebels exchanged shots across Joao Lisboa Square for seven hours, while a large crowd of bystanders, including some in night attire, watched from the sidelines.

Repelled

The rebels failed to receive the reinforcements they expected and surrendered at 7 a.m., ending the latest in a long series of political disturbances in Maranhao. The State has had five acting Governors in recent months.

An announcement late today by President Juscelino Kubitschek's military Cabinet said the attack by Gondim and his men was repelled and the rebels were "imprisoned by a large corps of the same force which remained loyal to the State government."

Sporadic Upheavals

Gondim ran for a seat in the State Chamber of Deputies last October but was defeated. He was a candidate of the Social Democratic Party, headed locally by Freire.

Gondim apparently felt Freire failed to give him adequate support and switched to the Opposition.

A city of about 120,000, Sao Luis has been the scene of sporadic upheavals ever since Freire became involved in Maranhao politics ten years ago.—United Press.

Banned British Film Warmly Received

'A TOWN LIKE ALICE'

Cannes, May 3.

The British film "A Town Like Alice", which was banned from the Cannes Festival because of a Japanese protest, was given a special showing outside the Festival today, attended by almost a dozen British film stars.

The film, which was warmly applauded, was made in Malaya and Australia and tells the story of the sufferings of a band of English women at the hands of the Japanese occupation troops.

The audience winced at a harrowing scene in which a Japanese orders the crucifixion of an Australian prisoner of war.

This was one of the scenes which caused the film to be banned under a Festival regulation, disqualifying any picture which might wound national sentiment.

Gave Up Idea

Director Jack Lee decided to withdraw the picture after the Japanese protest, he said here today.

"Our Japanese friends said they might be embarrassed to see this film presented officially at the Festival and we voluntarily gave up the idea".

Mr Lee added: "It goes without saying that I absolutely never had the intention of making a film that might provoke hostility. I must make it clear, however, that the book of Nevil Shute is based on authentic fact and many of the episodes are horrible in their realism.

Shares Tribulations

He continued: "In the adaptation, I deliberately tried to tone down these episodes and eliminate all excessive cruelty because throughout this human document, I wanted to show the common traits of all men—courage combatting despair, good fighting evil."

Mr Lee said his heroes were not merely the Australian soldier and the woman he loves, but also the Japanese soldier who shares the tribulations of these prisoners.—France-Presse.

KILLED FOR HELPING AIRMEN

Paris, May 3.

AN aged widow stood silent and near to tears before a big assembly of the people of Lorient to receive honours heaped posthumously on five of her family who died for aiding the escape of British airmen from the Germans during the war.

Formations of ex-servicemen, former resistance workers and municipal officials, drawn up at Lorient war memorial, watched while Captain Marcel Rousselot, representing the Lorient naval command, pinned five crosses of the Legion of Honour and five resistance medals on the chest of Mme Marie-Anne Coche, aged 91.

Mme Coche lost her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren one night in January 1944, when the German Gestapo in occupied Lorient raided their home after they had been denounced by a collaborator.

UNDERGROUND CHAIN

They were Madame Jeanne Genot, 59, her husband Auguste, 61, and their children Anne, 24, and Eugene and Marie-Louise, 28-year-old twins.

All five were members of the local resistance group called "Vengeance." They formed part of an underground chain which fed and hid shot-down British fliers, and returned them to British through secret resistance channels with the help of British agents.

They were sent to a concentration camp in Germany and were never seen again.

All have previously received the posthumous award of th Croix de Guerre.—China Mail Special.

Storm Signal

This is Diana Dors' close-fitting sheath like evening gown which caused a minor storm at the Cannes Film Festival.—Reuterphoto.

French Train Travellers' Dilemma

Paris, May 3.

French train travellers used to buying a second class ticket will have a delicate problem to solve on June 3.

French railways, in common with a number of European national railroad systems will have no more third class cars from this date.

But though the new cars will be first and second class only, the real class to disappear will be the present second.

The new second class cars will have eight seats to a compartment—like the present third class—and cost the present third class rate.

The new first, with the same six-seat compartments as in the present first and second classes, will be somewhat cheaper—than the former first class—but will nevertheless represent 10 per cent more than the present second class tariff.—France-Presse.

FATHER WEARS THE TROUSERS

The Hague, May 3.

The Netherlands Senate today ruled that a wife has an equal right with her husband to property that the couple share, but the husband is the head of the matrimonial union.

The ruling of equal rights was strongly opposed by the anti-revolutionary party in the Senate—a strongly Puritan group.

Despite the advice of the Minister of Justice, Professor Van Oven, the Senate decided to add to the marriage section of the civil code the phrase: "The husband is the head of the matrimonial union."

The Minister had argued that this might have unfortunate psychological effects for "stupid men and women will abuse it."—France-Presse.

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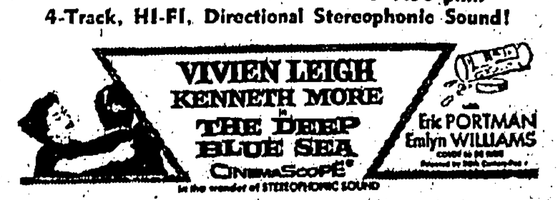

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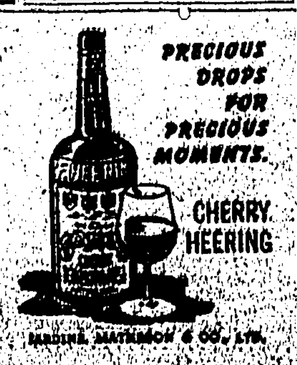

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Struggle For Control Of Arab Legion

London Talks Breakdown Not Surprising

Paris, May 3.

The failure of the big power London disarmament talks came as no surprise to delegates to the 15-nation Atlantic Pact Council meeting gathering here today for a two-day session opening tomorrow.

They said it had been clear for some time that there was little, if any chance, of Russia's agreeing to the kind of controls the West is demanding to ensure that any arms cut commitments are honoured.

Additionally, Moscow had always been extremely cool to President Eisenhower's plan for mutual aerial inspection, which Britain, France and the United States had now made a key feature of any inspection system.

IMPORTANT PROGRESS

It was nevertheless felt that the United Nations sub-committee had made important progress in narrowing the disagreement between East and West over the kind of control on the ground which should be adopted.

M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister, will probably make a statement at tomorrow's opening session of the Atlantic Council on the failure of the London meetings —Reuter.

'Honeymoon Homes'

London, May 3.

A revolutionary scheme to build "honeymoon homes" was adopted by the local council of Hexham, the picturesque north country market town.

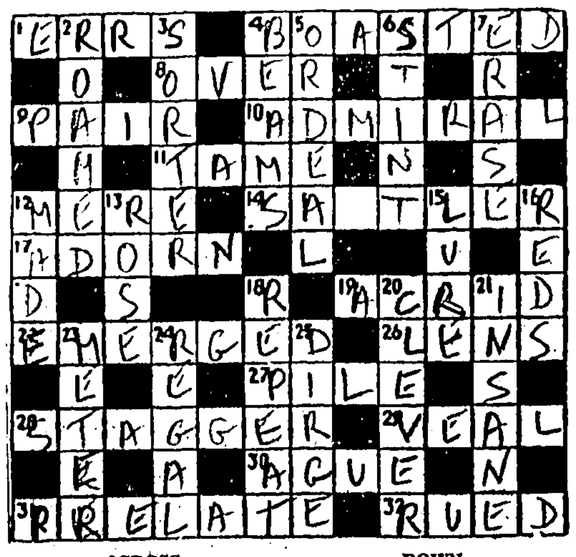
The idea — to provide an estate of self-contained flats for newly-wed couples, who would otherwise have to live with in-laws — is expected to catch on elsewhere in Britain.

It was thought up by the Council chairman, 60-year-old Mr Joseph Cullen, who is a bachelor. He thinks it is the surest way of making the town a happy one.

His plan is for 60 flats in two-storey blocks, each with a living room, bathroom, kitchen and one double bedroom to let at a guinea a week.

Mr Cullen, a civil servant, said: "I want the flats to be available to the couples when they return from their honeymoon. When families come along we shall move them to bigger flats and houses, to make way for more young couples who have just been married."—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Goes wrong (4).
4 Bragged (7).
8 Past (4).
9 Couple (4).
10 Naval rank (7).
11 Domesticated (4).
12 Lake (4).
14 Piece of embroidery (7).
17 Bedeck (5).
19 Pungent (5).
22 Came out (7).
26 Optical glass (4).
27 Heap (4).
28 Reel (7).
29 Meat (4).
30 Shivering fit (4).
31 Cleric (7).
32 Regretted (4).

DOWN

2 Wandered (6).
3 P.O. worker (6).
4 Rays (5).
5 Trial (6).
6 Supply meagrely (5).
7 Rub out (5).
12 Construct (4).
13 Flower (4).
15 Entice (4).
16 Communists (4).
18 Say again (6).
20 Able (6).
21 Mad (6).
23 Measuring device (5).
24 Royal (5).
25 Mournful refrain (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Clasps, 5 Dotty, 8 Utter, 9 Entire, 10 Fatal, 11 Remit, 12 Rift, 13 Corps, 16 Retire, 18 Credit, 20 Greed, 22 Mass, 23 Suits, 25 Tunic, 26 Earnod, 27 Score, 28 Reels, 29 Shares. Down: 1 Cheering, 2 Artifice, 3 Purr, 4 Steered, 5 Deficit, 6 Orator, 7 Tramp, 14 Retainer, 15 Subsides, 16 Reduces, 17 Tithers, 19 Resist, 21 Rouse, 24 Rash.

PREMINGER SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

Cannes, May 3.

Otto Preminger, Director of "The Man With the Golden Arm" and "The Moon is Blue", has signed a long term contract with United Artists, Max Youngstein, Vice-President of the company, announced in Cannes today.

Mr Youngstein flew to Cannes from New York especially to sign up Mr Preminger, who is a member of the Festival jury. Until now, Mr Preminger has made only one picture deal with United Artists.

Mr Preminger, who was present with Youngstein at a press conference in the Festival Palace, said he had three projects in view.

1. "Bonjour Tristesse," a film version of the best seller by the young Frenchwoman, Francoise Sagans to be made in late summer on Riviera with a star as yet unchosen.

2 "St Joan," based on the Bernard Shaw play, to be made in British studios.

3. "The Wheel," a story based on the life of Gandhi, to be filmed largely in India.—France-Presse.

Vienna, May 3.

A collection in Hungary for the victims of a flood disaster earlier this year has realised over £2,500,000, according to Budapest Radio.—China Mail Special.

OFFICERS FIGHT AS KING SEEKS SOLUTION

London, May 3.

Arab Legion officers today were reported fighting among themselves in a bitter struggle for control of the formerly British commanded desert army.

Two British newspapers in special reports said a number of Legion officers are under arrest after King Hussein moved in to break up plots and counter-plots.

Legion officers are trying to fill the vacuum left by the removal of Lieutenant-Gen. John Glubb Pasha, former British commander of the Legion, the newspapers said.

Presently in the top spot in the Legion, the Daily Express said, is Maj-Gen. Radi Enoab

"But no one expects him to last long," it added.

The Daily Mail reported from Beirut that King Hussein had stepped in personally to break up a struggle between desert tribes. He said that on April 20, six officers were arrested north of Jerusalem in a mountain hideout on charges of plotting to seize power.

"It is a story of plot and counter-plot, of officers shooting each other, of a dash by King Hussein to bring peace to warring tribes, of a secret meeting by conspirators, of the birth of revolt," the Daily Mail said.

It said that an officer, a cousin of Ali Abu Nawar—the man who was reported to have ousted Glubb—was shot at the Zerka Officers' Club on April 18 and that two highly placed officers are now in gaol.

Nawar, it said, is the "virtual boss of the Legion." The Daily Express said that Nawar is "most fancied" to succeed to the command of the Legion.

Tribal Fighting

The Mail said that officers started a crockery and furniture fight in the Legion mess on April 18, with one shot fired.

On April 22, it said, there was "heavy tribal fighting" south of Amman, at the home of two officers who were sacked along with General Glubb. The King, it said, went to talk to the leaders.

Two days later, the newspaper added, "one of the Legion's most popular officers" was arrested at his home.

And on April 26, the Mail said, six officers were arrested in a mountain resort north of Jerusalem after plotting for power. "The Jordanian government," it said, "clamped a censorship on details of the shooting and plotting in an effort to keep this out of the world's press, for there is no doubt that this is but the beginning."

Bribe Campaign

"...the Arab Legion, so long a stabilising factor in the Middle East, is no longer what it was," it added. "In the first time since Sir John Glubb went, its efficiency has deteriorated. Its morale is going. The troops who looked up to an example of iron discipline and loyalty now see their officers plotting, brawling and even duelling for power.

"As this happens, the 30-year-old Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires here (in Britain) has stepped up his bride campaign, mainly through susceptible officers' wives."

The Daily Express said that 11 Legion officers are under house arrest.

Stepped Up

"A struggle for power is going on in the Legion," the Express said, "self-seeking soldier-politicians seek to dominate the Legion.

"The titular head of the Legion . . . is Major-Gen. Radi Ennab, formerly just an administrator, he was stepped up when Glubb Pasha was deposed . . . "

The Express said Ennab presently leads Jordan's military mission in Egypt.

"But no one expects him to last long," it added.—United Press.

Nehru To Visit The Lebanon

Beirut, May 3.

Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, will visit the Lebanon for one day on July 24 on his way back to India from visiting London and Washington, the Indian legation here announced.

It was also learned here that Mr Nehru would visit Damascus, the Syrian capital, on June 21, on his way to London to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.—Reuter.

'Jungle Bertha' Has Secret Wedding

BERTHA AND JOOP

BERTHA Hertogh, the "jungle girl" whose Moslem marriage at 13 to a Malay schoolteacher was annulled, has been married for a second time — in secret.

Few persons knew that Bertha, now 19, was married last Saturday to Joop Wolkenfelt, a 21-year-old cabinet-maker, at the Roman Catholic church in the Dutch market town of Bergen-op-Zoom.

Apart from Bertha and Joop and Father Eekeren, who conducted the ceremony, the only persons in the church were Bertha's parents, a neighbour who was a witness, and Joop's brother and mother.

It was six years ago that Bertha married Mansoor Adabi at a Moslem ceremony in Singapore. Bertha's parents had been imprisoned by the Japanese in Malaya, and she was brought up by a Malay nurse.

In 1951 there was a legal battle which ended with a Singapore court annulling her marriage and giving her back to her parents.

Seventeen persons died in riots in Singapore after the court decision was announced. Bertha's parents brought her back to Holland and she has lived with them since in Bergen-op-Zoom.

Bertha and Joop announced their engagement last December. Said her 50-year-old father after the wedding: "I objected to the wedding at first because I thought Bertha was too young, but I have relented. Bertha and Joop are living with us for the time being." There would be no honeymoon, he said.—London Express Service.

Quick Aid For Asia A Counter To Reds

Ottawa, May 3.

Western aid to Southeast Asia was becoming more urgent as the Soviet Union offered assistance to the area, Mr Nik Cavell, Canada's Colombo Plan administrator, said today.

He added, however, that he did not think many Asian leaders were fooled by Russian arguments that the Soviet delivered faster while the West did a lot of talking.

Urgency Increased

In the main, the countries of Southeast Asia were committed to a democratic way of life, Mr Cavell told the Commons External Affairs Committee.

He agreed that the urgency of Western aid increased as Russia moved in, but added that Southeast Asians could not be bought by either side with economic aid.

Russia had done little so far, he said.

It was building a steel mill in India for which India would have to pay something. But the Soviet action in taking up a rice surplus in Burma was "one example of the very fundamental way in which Russia is entering the field of aid to Southeast Asia."

Canada was having difficulty in finding technicians to go to Southeast Asia but the Russians now were offering to send almost any number the Asian countries could take, he said.

Increase Asked

Mr Cavell, reviewing operations of Canada's Colombo Plan aid, said that since last year the number of capital projects had grown from 38 to 60 and more Asians were being trained under technical assistance plans.

Canada had been asked to increase its Colombo commitment to 34,400,000 dollars this year from 26,000,000 dollars last year.—Reuter.

Opposition To Colonialism In Singapore

London May 3.

The Tribune, organ of the Bevanite faction in the British Labour Party, today said opposition to colonialism in Singapore "is the driving dynamic force among all but a few Europeans."

In an article written by Fenner Brockway, Labour member of Parliament, and headlined "Don't make Singapore another Cyprus," the Tribune said "passion for self-government has swept the island, and its strength and speed has surprised the Colonial Office."

WON WIDE FAME

The article said Mr David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore now in London, was "engaging on platform and in conference. He has won wide fame as a barrister and is an orator with few equals."

It added that Mr Lee Kwan Yew, leader of the People's Action Party in Singapore who also is in London, has won respect by his intellectual integrity, his grip of socialist fundamentals, his evident design to think his way through difficulties and to act resolutely."—Reuter.

'MARINE CORPS GLOSSED OVER DEATH MARCH RESPONSIBILITY'

Washington, May 3.

Rep. Walter Norblad accused the Marine Corps today of going too easy on the officers in taking disciplinary action for the "Death March" at the Parris Island, South Carolina, training centre.

He particularly charged the Corps with "glossing over" the responsibility of the immediate superior officers of the assistant drill instructor who led six Marine recruits to their deaths in swampy Ribbon Creek during the night of April 8.

Mr Norblad fired the charges in a letter to Maj-Gen. Randolph McCall Pate, Marine Corps Commandant who this week ordered a series of sweeping reforms and disciplinary moves in the wake of the tragedy which shocked the nation.

The assistant drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon, was charged with being "under the influence of alcohol" when he ordered the disciplinary night march. He will be court-martialled on four charges, including manslaughter.

Ride Hard

In addition, Gen. Pate ordered the transfer of the Parris Island Commander and other officers, named a Congressional Medal of Honour winner to ride hard on all Marine Corps recruit training and launch an "extraordinary" reorganisation of the whole training system.

Rep. Paul Cunningham said yesterday he thought some officers should share the manslaughter charges lodged against the sergeant.

Mr Norblad, like Mr Cunningham, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, wrote Gen. Pate that the "time-honoured military manoeuvres of transferring officers in circumstances like this certainly does not satisfy me."

Know Exactly

"It seems evident that the company commander has a very major responsibility to know exactly the calibre and actions of the sergeant under his immediate command and to be in fairly constant touch with their activities," Gen. Norblad said.

"This seems particularly true in view of some of the rather peculiar disciplinary actions being taken by the drill instructors at this base."

No Answer

Mr Norblad emphasised he did not intend "in any way to shift the blame from Sgt McKeon as I feel that under the circumstances the Marine Corps is acting properly in ordering the Court Martial procedure."

"But the transfer of other officers," he added, "certainly does not answer the possibility of further negligence which may be involved herein."—United Press.

OVER 4,000 DONATE EYES

Rome, May 3.

More than 4,000 persons have bequeathed their eyes to the "Eye Bank", founded in Rome by Professor Cesare Gerin of the city's Institute of Legal Medicine, it was learned here today.

Interest in the Eye Bank, known officially as the "Association of Donors of Corneas", was aroused after an Italian priest, Don Carlo Gnocchi bequeathed his eyes to two young blind children.

The gesture of Don Carlo persuaded the Italian authorities to relax existing laws, which made eye graft practically illegal in Italy. — France-Presse.

Franco-Latin American Friendship

Paris, May 3.

The French Post Office has issued a "France-Latin America" stamp to mark the bond of friendship between them.

It is decorated with Aztec and Inca signs and has on the left an Indian man's face and on the right those of a woman.

The man's head is based on the head of a Totonaca (Mexico) warrior in the Cleveland museum and a Mochica (Peru) head in Munich museum.

The woman's head has the features of Prudence on the tomb of Francois II of Britanny in Nantes Cathedral. — China Mail Special.

$200 Reward For Bomb Disposal

Brunei, May 3.

A former Singapore resident, Mr Paul Carson, now a Brunei Government official, volunteered to dispose of an old wartime bomb discovered here.

Workmen dug up the rusty missile while building a school.

Police had a hard job finding someone who would handle it. But Mr Carson wrapped it up in sacking to cushion it against jolts, then drove it several miles out of town where he threw it in a river.

Police gave him a HK$200 reward.—China Mail Special.

TEACHERS WANT NEW PAY SCALE

London, May 8.

Salary increases ranging from 10 shillings to £10 sterling a week for 240,000 teachers in primary and secondary schools in England and Wales have been recommended by the Burnham Committee, the profession's salary-negotiating body, it was announced here.

If the recommendations are accepted by the teachers' union, the educational authorities and the Minister of Education, they will come into force on October 1 this year.

Increases will range from approximately 10 shillings a week for newcomers to the profession to £10 sterling a week for the heads of large grammar schools.

ADDITIONAL COST

The proposed rise in salaries will cost an additional £31 million sterling in a full year and bring the teachers' salary bill up to £214 million sterling a year.

Burnham Committee scales are usually fixed for three years, but no date has been fixed for the duration of the pay scales now recommended.

The proposals involve an entirely new wage structure, designed to give higher percentage rises to higher paid teachers.—China Mail Special.

Prison Guards May Want Special Pension

London, May 3.

British prison guards may ask for a special pension for wives and orphans of guards killed by escaping prisoners if capital punishment is abolished in Britain.

Prison guards in Maidstone, Portland and Cardiff have adopted a resolution to this effect, which will be presented before the annual congress of prison guards at Weymouth on May 30 and 31.—France-Presse.

China Pavilion At Annual Paris Fair

Paris, May 3.

The brightly decorated Communist Chinese pavilion is expected to be the main attraction of the annual Paris Fair, which opens next Saturday.

The Chinese, who are participating in the Fair for the first time, have set up a pagoda-type pavilion, covering 1,100 square metres on the Fair grounds.

More than two million spectators are expected to visit the Fair before it closes on May 21. Forty foreign pavilions have been set up.

China's participation in the Fair was arranged by a mixed French Government and commercial mission during a visit to Peking.

TRADITIONAL EXPORTS

Mr Chang Chao-hsuan, head of the 27 member Chinese Fair delegation, said that his country's pavilion would exhibit Chinese chemical products and modern machinery, as well as traditional Chinese export goods: silks, porcelain articles, tea, etc.

The Chinese stands will also display French books translated into Chinese, Mr Chang said.

He added: "The visitor in this way will understand how the Chinese people live and how they are building their country."

Mr Chang said the Paris Fair should "promote understanding among our two peoples and lead to cultural exchanges."—France-Presse.

POLITENESS CRUSADE IN PARIS

Paris, May 3.

A "politeness crusade" was launched today under a spring downpour at Paris's picturesque "Place Du Tertre" on top of Montmartre Hill.

The heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of a group of attractive women "ambassadors of courtesy" who gathered in the square to begin their two-day crusade.

Following a dummer boy of the "Free Commune of Old Montmartre", the "ambassadors" marched down Montmartre Hill into the heart of Paris to remind Parisians of their traditional politeness and courtesy.

Wearing armbands to mark their official status, the "ambassadors" will roam the streets of Paris for the next 10 days, watching for exemplary acts of courtesy and chiding the discourteous to change their ways.—France-Presse.

Resistance Agent Volunteers

Paris, May 3.

Gilbert Renault, leader of French resistance agents in France during World War Two, volunteered today to serve in Algeria "to the best of my ability."

M. Renault, who was known as "Remy" when he directed French intelligence in London, said the life of France is in danger today as it was during World War Two.

M. Renault, in a letter to the commanding general at Chartres, said he was motivated by the same spirit which led him to join the forces of General Charles de Gaulle during the war.—France-Presse.

US Navy Tests Rotorcycle

Test pilot Jim Ryan of the Gyrodyne Company of America pilots the model KRON-1 Rotorcycle, an ultra-small one-man helicopter developed for the US Navy. Fully loaded and with pilot, the craft weighs less than 500 lb, can be fitted with a variety of engines ranging from 40 hp to 75 hp. It is intended for liaison and small unit tactical manoeuvres.—Express Photo.

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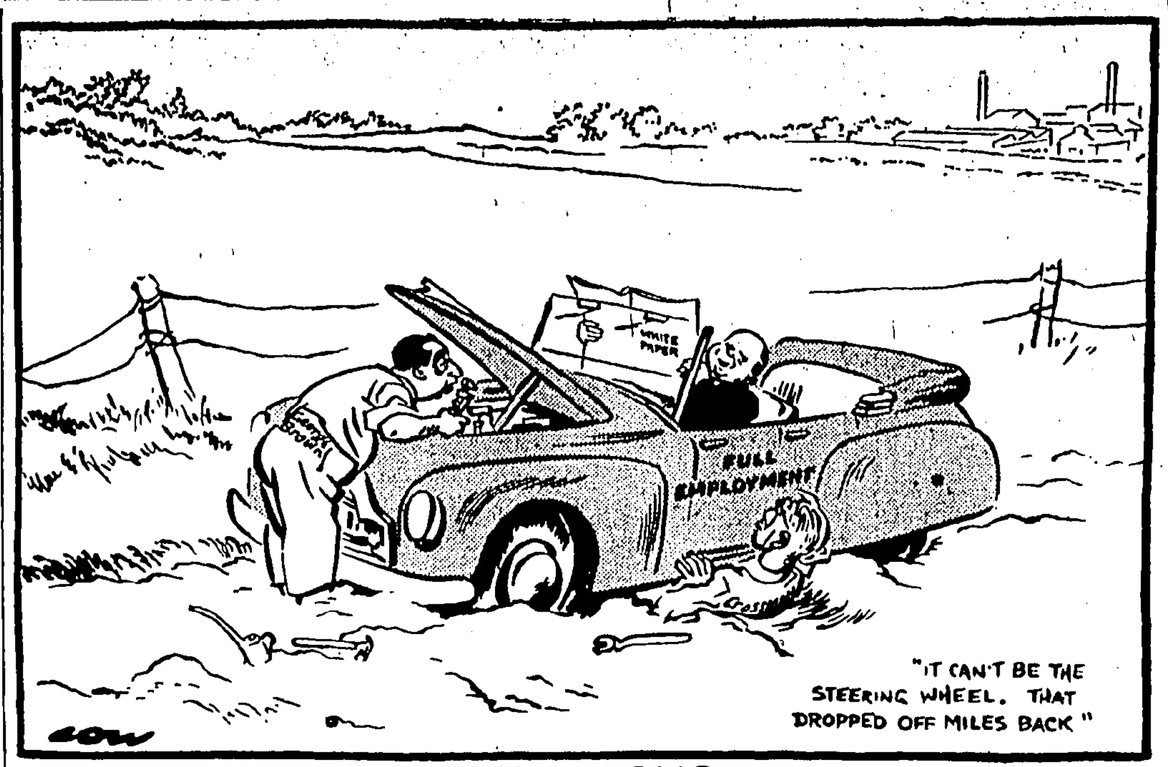

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THE THREE MEN BEFORE Mr B and Mr K

● Everything is in this book . . . . the heresy hunts, the intrigue and the espionage

by Robert BLAKE

"THREE Who Made a Revolution,"* by Mr Bertram D. Wolfe, is one of the most important books ever written on the history of the Bolshevik party. It is the part of a triple biography of Vladimir Ulyanov, Lyovn Bronstein and Joseph Djugashvill, better known to the world as Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin.

It was published in America as long ago as 1948 and was widely acclaimed by the experts. One does not, however, need to be an expert in Russian history to perceive at once that Mr Wolfe writes with a clarity, a detachment, an authority, and a personal knowledge which puts his work into a very high category.

The present volume, which goes down to 1914, will be followed by a second entitled "The Uses of Power."

Peculiar difficulties face anyone who seeks the truth about the early lives of the three great revolutionaries—difficulties which have no parallel in ordinary historical research.

For ever since 1929, in order to give plausibility to Stalin's self-conferred papal infallibility, the art of rewriting history has been carried under his regime to lengths which make Mr George Orwell's famous Ministry of Truth in his "1984" seem in no way a caricature.

Records have been suppressed and invented, millions of books withdrawn or destroyed, a whole generation of inconvenient witnesses removed.

TROTSKY MURDERED

THE leading figure in this process was Beria, head of the Russian police from 1938 till his recent liquidation. The purpose has been to denigrate Trotsky and elevate Stalin to the role of Lenin's right-hand man in the conspiratorial years from 1900 to 1917.

Presumably in the near future we may have a new version. It can scarcely be more misleading than Stalin's. This was indeed countered by Trotsky who in exile managed to complete a biography of Stalin shortly before being murdered by an agent under orders from the subject of his book.

Though not exactly unprejudiced, Trotsky's account is a good deal closer to the truth than Stalin's. It is also much more readable, since Trotsky was an author and journalist of brilliance, whereas Stalin wrote in a style that reminds one of nothing so much as a cross between the Catechism and Bradshaw.

The truth is that Stalin, far from being Lenin's right-hand man, was a relatively unimportant personage in pre-war Bolshevik politics. The most striking of the many proofs given by Mr Wolfe is a letter written by Lenin as late as 1916 inquiring urgently from a friend for Stalin's real surname.

LANDLORD LENIN

THE three revolutionaries resembled each other neither in social origins nor in temperament. Lenin was the son of a minor bureaucrat, and technically of noble birth. He was for a time, though the fact is of course suppressed in his "official" biographies, a landlord on a small scale.

Trotsky was the son of an unlettered Jewish farmer in the Ukraine. Stalin's father was a cobbler in Georgia. But all three had one thing in common—membership of that curious class to which there is no parallel except in pre-revolutionary France — the nineteenth-century Russian intelligentsia.

It was a class united, to quote Mr Wolfe, by "a common alienation from existing society and a common belief in the sovereign efficacy of ideas as shapers of life."

If by a "great man" we mean someone whose career has for good or ill changed the lives and destinies of millions, then Lenin emphatically was such a man. It is fascinating to read about his doctrines and methods in the years when he fought for control of a tiny party of doctrinaire exiles whose chances of power must have seemed inconceivably remote.

PROPHECY

WE see in embryo as it were the whole Soviet State. Everything is there: denunciations, heresy hunts, intrigue, espionage, perpetual manoeuvre for power.

In a sense Lenin genuinely believed in democracy, but all his other beliefs presupposed its opposite. The dictatorship of the proletariat in a land where the industrial workers were vastly outnumbered by the peasants in itself was incompatible with democracy.

In any case from the first Lenin envisaged rule, not even by a majority from within the proletariat, but by an elite, a committee of professional revolutionary intellectuals self-chosen for their capacity to understand the true needs of the masses.

In 1904 Trotsky prophetically warned Lenin:

"The organisation of the Party will take the place of the Party itself; the Central Committee will take the place of the organisation; and finally, the Dictator will take the place of the Central Committee."

Neither envisaged a situation in which the party had become synonymous with the State, but Trotsky had many long years of exile in which to ponder on the truth of his own warning.

Is there any moral to be drawn when we consider our attitude towards Mr B. and Mr K.? Only perhaps this: that, whatever they now say about Stalin, they were once his nominees and are survivors of an era in which every person of unorthodox or independent beliefs was eliminated, that the ultimate aims of the Kremlin are unlikely to have changed, and finally that the ancient Greeks were not the only people who should be feared even when bringing gifts.

** Thames and Hudson, 30s.*

Uncle Joe Does It Again

By STEPHEN COULTER

THE process of liquidating the hallowed memory of J. Stalin has French film lovers wailing and gnashing their teeth. The Paris firm which distributes Soviet films in France is having to withdraw its current lot from circulation because they devote considerable time to commemorating the transcendent genius of the late Uncle Joe.

One of these films, "The Oath," acquired a sensational reputation at its first Paris showing and is prized by French connoisseurs as one of the richest things seen on any screen since the immortal Marx Brothers' "Duck Soup".

The climax shows Stalin reviewing an immense parade of Soviet civil and military might. With a tremendous roar it crashes and rumbles across the Red Square. Suddenly, a super-tractor in the middle ranks breaks down—oh horrors, just, opposite Stalin's reviewing stand on Lenin's Tomb!

A scene of utter consternation follows. The most brilliant engineers in Moscow rush up, peer into the tractor, shake their heads in despair. Designers, farmers, experts crowd round but are baffled. The parade threatens to turn into a tangled fiasco. Nobody can discover why the tractor won't go. Panic is not far off.

Suddenly, in a deathly hush, Stalin himself descends from the stand, walks over and takes one look. He raises his head, points a finger and says "Plugs." In a trice the plugs are fixed, the tractor starts, the parade rumbles forward, and the drop-jawed populace files by gaping at Uncle Joe's exhibition of staggering brainpower!

Fifty years ago the paintings of Sir John Millais commanded four figure prices. Today, ten of his pictures can be bought for £2,000—the cost of his statue they erected in his memory outside the Tate.

THE FALLEN IDOL

by

JOHN WATERMAN

WHAT goes up must come down. Newton's law applies not only to apples but also to artists' reputations.

On the lawn in front of the Tate Gallery is the proud statue of a man who, in Victorian times, was one of the most renowned of artists. He looks the very figure of prosperity in a prosperous age — as well he might: his paintings sometimes could not be bought for the equivalent of today's £20,000.

His name is Sir John Everett Millais.

FORGOTTEN MAN

Today this bronze figure, with palette at the ready, and a gaze indicating eternal disdain for the distant perspective of Kennington gasometer, is the statue of a forgotten man.

When the statue was put up no one would then have predicted that this great and luminous planet of the Victorian art world would cool within fifty years.

When Millais died, in 1896, a memorial fund was opened to which the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, sent the first donation, and of which he became chairman.

Today few know where the statue is. Even fewer care about the man whom it represents. The sum of more than £2,000 that was so quickly and eagerly given for the statue would now buy ten of Millais's works. No one wants his paintings.

Not even the memory of a scandal which surrounded Millais in his early life has survived—except in the pages of the reference books—to sustain his fame.

The scandal concerned Millais and the wife of Ruskin, the great art critic. Millais met the Ruskins in 1851, the year after he had exhibited a picture called "Christ in His Father's House." The picture caused a sensation because the details had been taken from a local carpenter's shop. The painting was strongly attacked by the critics, including Dickens, who called it "mean, odious, revolting and repulsive."

SUMMER HOLIDAY

But the picture at last found favour. And the man who turned the tide of public taste in Millais's favour was Ruskin.

Two years later Millais spent a long summer holiday in Scotland with the Ruskins.

Mrs Ruskin had led an increasingly unhappy married life. On their honeymoon Ruskin had declared to her that, for physical and religious reasons, she would be his wife in name only until she was 25. When Mrs Ruskin reached that age, five years later, their relations remained unchanged.

During Millais's Scots holiday with the Ruskins it rained solidly. "Except at rare intervals," it is recorded, "sketching was out of the question."

Not many months afterwards Ruskin's wife brought a suit for the annulment of her marriage. She was granted a decree on the grounds of non-consummation. Ruskin offered no defence.

The following year Millais married the former Mrs Ruskin.

All this occurred during the period in which Millais did his best paintings—when, with Holman Hunt and Rossetti, he formed the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. This was a coterie which aimed at portraying on canvas exactly what they saw in nature. They also neither drank, smoked nor swore—but were not averse to breaking an occasional commandment.

Right until his death, and after, Millais's pictures continued to command four figures. The public, too, bought his works. More than 100 originals were engraved, and if most of them now seem to have found their way to Ramsgate boarding houses, in their day they took pride of place in the Victorian "front-room."

PRODIGIOUS

The titles — "A Reverie," "The Gambler's Wife," "Forbidden Fruit," "Love Birds" — no more than adequately described the subjects which Millais painted.

Output on a prodigious scale of such work, and the patronage of prominent figures of his time — Disraeli, Carlyle, Tennyson, Cardinal Newman, Sullivan, and Gladstone, whom he portrayed no fewer than four times — ensured for Millais the richly respectable life of an English country gentleman.

The fame of such a man might seem quite incapable of eclipse.

But there has been a drastic re-appraisal in the last quarter-century. With the aspidistras from the drawing-rooms of England also disappeared the pictures which had earned for Millais such prosperity.

PLUMMETED

In the auction rooms, prices of Millais's pictures have plummeted. "The Eve of St. Agnes" sold for £630 in 1942. Once it had been bought for £2,205. The big canvas called "Yes" fetched a mere 40 guineas in 1944. Once it had sold for £1,000.

Over the last 10 years prices of £100 and below in the sale rooms are common for Millais pictures which in their day fetched 10 times the amount.

A dealer put the position of Millais thus: "Either the pictures are too big for modern houses or the subject does not appeal to modern taste. If the subject is right, then the size is wrong and vice-versa."

In a room in the Tate Gallery not far from where a few of Millais's paintings are on show is one of Renoir's most famous pictures: "La Loge."

The picture is worth at least £70,000. Its value has appreciated many times in the years that Millais's pictures have depreciated. Today dealers say the prices of Renoir, now riding the crest of the boom in art, will never go down.

The dealers said the same of Millais's prices half a century ago.

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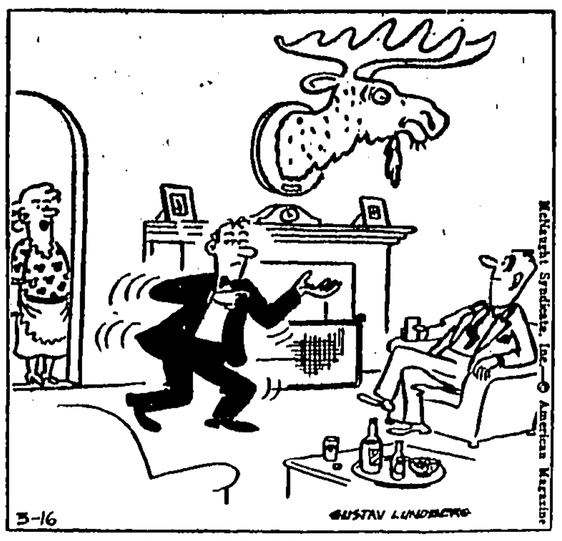


"Darling, did you tell Mr. Mason about the moose you hit accidentally with your car?"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

BOTTLESHAM is one of the few English villages which keep up the old customs. Today takes place the ceremony known as flinging the gorfus.

The young men of the village go out early and cut cane huts from a haze wood, which they conceal under their coats. All the windows of the houses are opened wide, and each man selects a window, and throws his switch at it. If the switch goes through the window, the successful youth lies flat on the ground. If it misses, the owner of the house comes out, beating a saucepan with a wooden spoon. The oldest women then form up and march through the village singing the gorfus song, handed down from Saxon times, while all the young girls stand in a wide ring in the market-place, wearing masks. At midday rice and pepper are thrown at the tallest inhabitant, and then all return to their homes, crying, "A gorfus! A gorfus!"

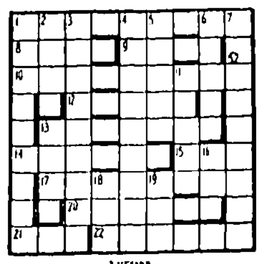
In passing

THE sheer logic of the thing is intoxicating. Those who have been saying that our roads are unsuitable for fast cars are now saying that, as faster cars are coming on to the unsuitable roads in increasing numbers, obviously the speed limit should be raised. If that is not a neat piece of reasoning, you may call me Elvira Wittenholme. Of course, part of the difficulty is that there is a strange sect called Pedestrians. They persist in walking about, and even crossing, village streets, to the peril of the fast car. That peril is increased by the admitted fact that an ordinary driver is not competent to control a car travelling at, say, 100 miles an hour. He is therefore at the mercy of the more competent pedestrian.

Curious facts

I READ that when you cough the air comes out of your windpipe at more than 800 miles an hour. No doubt the sound you make when you cough is the breaking of the sound barrier, which is why owners of greenhouses are so afraid of catching a cold. What science has not yet ascertained is why the air expelled by a cuckoo when it calls is 47 percent slower than a human hiccough, or why a man standing close to a child blowing soap-bubbles does not have his hat blown off.

CROSSWORD

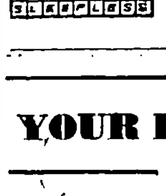


Across

1. It's a home for a lonely soul. (3-6)
8. Esau's descendants lived here. (4)
9. The girl may be an artist but she's no honoured painter. (4)
10. They're on the board. (9)
12. Bannister, for instance. (5)
13. Fly around the chits to the moneylender. (7)
14. Hate. (5)
15. Centre of roars. (3)
17. Was Simon ? (2, 6)
20. Tell all. (6)
21. Say No in times gone by. (3)
22. They sing from a great height ! (6)

Down

1. This invalid doesn't walk about. (3-6)
2. Tide returns. (4)
3. This kind of town isn't necessarily always asleep. (9)
4. Those charges may be made for 1 Across. (9)
5. They're simply gambling set-ups. (5)
6. This bird is one that eats. (5)
7. Set errors. (Anag.) (9)
11. The lowest deck. (5)
13. Stop with a difference. (4)
16. "What my pretty chickens ?" says Macduff. (3)
18. Square for mathematicians (3)
19. "Sixteen Down things to Sixteen Down ——" goes the saying. (3)

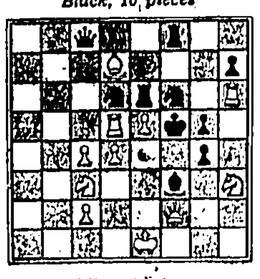


SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. HERMANSON

Black, 10 pieces



White, 11 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, K—R7; threat 2, Q—B1. 1 . . . P×P; 2, Q—B5; 1 . . . P—Kt7; 2, Q—B2; 1 . . . R—B2; 2, Q—Kt7 (ch); 1 . . . R—QB3; 2, Q—B8 (ch).

TARGET

L	T-	I-
B	R	A
I.	E.	R

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 25 words, good; 43 words, very good; 52 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ably airy arty bray bristly burly bury, busily busy fatly fugly fusty ruby rustily rusty sably sally salubrity satyr saury sbay slaty slay stably stay stray subtly suitably sultry surly tabby tray trilby truly.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Defence Avoids Loss To Singleton

By OSWALD JACOBY

ERNEST ROVERE in his splendid new book, "Point Count Contract Bridge Complete," writes: "If possible a high card should first be played before taking a single finesse. This play safeguards against the missing card being a singleton."

Ernie illustrates the point in his book with the hand shown today. The defenders lead three rounds of hearts, and South ruffs the third. South is worried about both black queens and must also knock out the ace of diamonds. He has his work cut out for him.

The first step is to lead out the ace of spades. Fortunately, the queen drops, and South has no further worries about trumps. If the queen hadn't dropped, South would plan a finesse. The point is that South would lose a trump trick if he began by taking a finesse. He avoids this loss by playing a high card first, exactly as Ernie Rovere recommends.

South isn't yet out of the woods. If he draws all four trumps from the East hand and then leads diamonds, the player who has the ace of diamonds may still have a heart left. If so, that heart will be a winner, for South will be out of trumps.

South therefore leads diamonds to knock out the ace while dummy still has a trump to stop any possible heart return. East takes the ace of diamonds, but the defence is washed up.

South wins any return, draws the rest of the trumps, and discards his losing club on dummy's fourth diamond. This makes it unnecessary to take a finesse in clubs.

NORTH	5
♠ 10 4 3	
♥ J 8 7	
♦ K J 10 8	
♣ A 7 5	
WEST	**EAST**
♠ Q	♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ A K 10 9 2	♥ Q 6 5
♦ 7 4 3	♦ A 9 5
♣ Q 10 9 2	♣ 8 6 4
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A K J 9 2	
♥ 4 3	
♦ Q 6 2	
♣ K J 3	

North-South vul

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♥ K

♣CARD *Sense*♠

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	2 Clubs	?	

You, South, hold:

♠K Q 7 3 2 ♥A 5 4 ♦9 6 2 ♣5 3

What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. You can afford a bid, and the free raise shows your strength and good heart support. You cannot afford to bid the spades since that would push the bidding too high.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠K Q 7 3 2 ♥5 3 ♦6 2 ♣A J 9 4

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 4

BORN today, you have a rather complex personality, despite the fact that on the surface you appear to be frank, open and thoroughly direct. Actually, you have a rather deep nature and often may be thinking in more serious terms than you let it generally be known. Also, you have a practical nature and are not one to waste your efforts or energies in empty day-dreaming. You believe that if an idea is worth having at all, it's one well worth developing.

You men are original, inventive and interested in science and mechanics. Fond of nature, you may have exciting new theories which you will be interested in developing. As a rule, you have good fortune in games of chance but must be warned against serious speculation or you might find that your streak of good luck leaves you at an important moment!

You are kindly and sympathetic with the needs of others and always are ready to help someone in want. You have a bright and cheerful manner which makes you good company most of the time. Fond of all things beautiful, you may have real talent in the fields of literature, music and poetry. You should develop this gift.

Among those born on this date are: Horace Mann, educator; John Blaine, politician; A. L. Erlanger, theatrical producer; Harold Bell Wright, novelist; John James Audubon, ornithologist; Thomas Huxley, sociologist; and William Prescott, historian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Not the time to introduce anything new into your life. Stay on well-travelled roads today.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be prepared for the unexpected and you won't be unduly surprised at anything that happens. Stay calm, too.

CANCER (June 22-July. 23)—If you are wise and consider all aspects of a problem carefully, then everything should go well with you now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A normal outlook for normal affairs, so don't go out of your way to adopt spectacular effects. It won't work.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Even though convinced that correction is necessary, don't be overly critical. Be fair and avoid conflict.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have conducted yourself properly during the past few days, favourable results should show up now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Opportunities may look very glamorous but make sure that the underlying motivation is thoroughly sound.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Surface affairs appear calm enough. But there may be underlying difficulties, so watch out for them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There should be harmony on the home-front and this will serve to forward progress on your job, as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A fine day for making a profit. There also is romance in the air for you. Enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be positive, assert your intuitive and you will find that you can make excellent progress.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—If you have been conscientious about the details of your job, then you may anticipate some advances.

WOMANSENSE

PETALS FORM THE THEME OF EVENING ENSEMBLE

This organza evening dress with gold embroidery is from Jean Desses. Unique draping on one side of the hip shapes the lower part of the skirt into the form of a petal. Complementing the dress is an organza cape with layers of graceful petals.—Agence France-Presse.

Fashionable Mink Colours Produced Through Genetic Changes

Madison, Wis.

IT'S getting so you have to think twice to recall the real colour of wild mink.

Some 75 percent of mink pelts marketed in recent years have been such fashionable shades as pastel (brown), topaze (light brown), gunmetal (dark grey), sapphire (clear grey) and palomino and buff (very pale tan), according to Richard Shackelford, University of Wisconsin mink breeder.

They are a far cry from the dark brown country cousins caught by French trappers in Wisconsin two or three hundred years ago. The colour changes are produced, not through dying, but through genetic changes.

Years of research are necessary to uncover the mechanics of pelt colour inheritance, Shackelford said. Some 2,000 mink ranchers in Wisconsin sold about $22,000,000 worth of pelts in 1955, he pointed out.

Some 70 percent of all furs used in the United States today are mink, Shackelford said, with pelt production rising about 15 percent yearly for several years. Average pelt prices have gone up 10 to 20 percent.

Increased use of small furs such as scarves, stoles and cape stoles brought a rise in the popularity of mink. But the 60 to 80 pelts needed for a full-sized coat are still beyond the financial reach of the average buyer.

The average price of all mink pelts sold in the United States last year was $22, but a good pelt "of promising colour" can bring more than $100, Shackelford said. One thousand dollars isn't an unusual price for a breeding male of a popular colour.—United Press.

TEMPER TANTRUMS IN CHILDREN

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

DEFINITIONS are funny things. A child that has a tantrum is commonly regarded as a problem child. A famous or important adult subject to tantrums is defined as "eccentric." When ordinary folks like you and me have tantrums, we are simply regarded as "grouches."

Tantrums are bad for anybody. Excessive repression of the emotions may have a detrimental effect, but there is a happy medium between clamping the lid on too tight and letting it blow off too easily and upon the slightest provocation.

EMOTIONAL BLOCK

Tantrums are excusable in young children because they may be the only way the child knows how to express its anger and frustration at unfair situations. Just try holding a baby in your arms so tightly that he cannot move his arms or his legs, but of course not tightly enough to hurt him. First he begins to squirm, cry or fuss. If this does not bring relief, he is quite likely to turn blue or dark red and scream to high heaven for relief. Can you blame him?

The tight holding of the baby is merely symbolic. He may be restrained and confined emotionally by circumstances over which he has no control. Many parents control their young children too strictly.

The criterion is the child's normal growth and development and his safety. Beyond these considerations the child should not be controlled merely for parental convenience. Preventing the child from exercising his normal growth and development patterns will bring about a state of emotional frustration and may very well be expressed by tantrums.

PATIENT LEADERSHIP

Parental demands upon children should be limited to those which are necessary or which the child may be willing to carry out. There are times when a child loves to bring father his slippers. There are other times when he would rather not be bothered.

Bringing father's slippers is not an essential in the child's growth and development because he is too young as yet to understand the abstract ideal of unselfish service. Besides, unless papa is crippled there is no good reason why his children should wait on him except as spontaneous expressions of love and affection.

Forcing the child to bring father his slippers, whether he wants to or not, is unfair and if the child reacts with a tantrum, then it is not the child who is to blame.

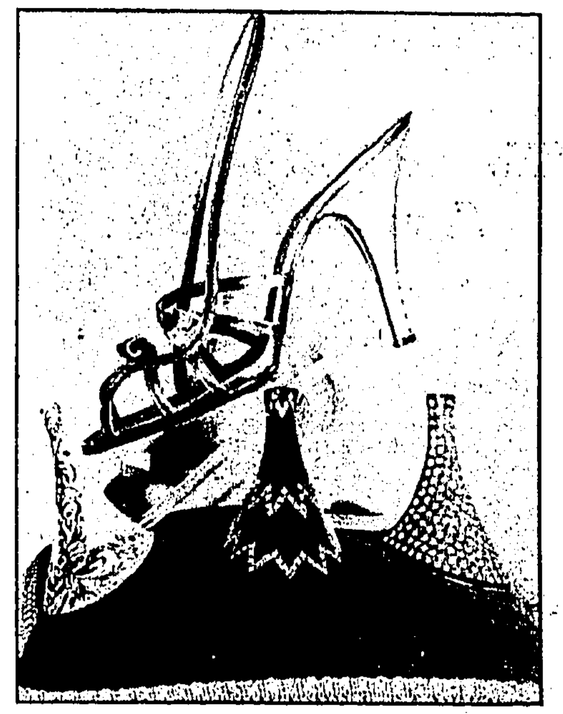
Children can be led much more easily than can be driven but leadership requires more originality, more patience, more forethought, and more love than does compulsion. At the same time, the results are infinitely better.

The child in the midst of a tantrum should not be given further punishment because that will only confirm him in his resistance. The best thing to do is either get his mind off his tantrum or ignore it. In either case, it does not get him what he wants and so a smart child soon learns that it does not pay. Then, tantrums cease if the situations which provoke tantrums are not constantly repeated.

Tantrums in children are usually the results of excessively stern discipline, inconsistency on the part of parents, or an evidence that the child feels a lack of affection and a lack of acceptance. In any instance, the cause of tantrums must be studied and the cause removed. Sometimes this requires professional help, by which I mean first the family physician and if he so advises, a psychiatrist.

The treatment will probably be applied not to the child but to the family.

NEW TREND IN SHOE STYLES



The gold evening sandal above is named "Colombe", from Codre of Paris. Also shown are three heels each of which has a unique pattern, following the new trend of putting emphasis on heels.—Agence France-Presse.

Double-Duty Omelette For A Light Meal

By ALICE DENHOFF

HERE'S a perfect "little meal" for this time of year, for luncheon or supper: hot cream soup, hot buttered rolls, a savoury green salad and a tender omelette for both protein and as a dessert.

The omelette, of course, must be of the sweet variety. This recipe for a chiffon omelette suggests a combination of the lightest cake and baked custard with a crisp top. It's filled with jam, jelly or marmalade and may be served with powdered sugar.

Chiffon Omelette has a secret to which it owes its special success — bottled carbonated beverage, either cola, ginger ale or fruit-flavoured beverage is used for the liquid. The beverage makes the omelette rise to fluffy perfection. In fact, if there's any left over from the first serving, store it in an airtight container and serve it later in slices. It makes a delicious chilled dessert.

Cooking a fluffy omelette may seem to be a tricky procedure, but this recipe eliminates any pitfalls if followed carefully. If a larger omelette is required, simply add an additional tablespoon of sugar and of soft drink for each extra egg. Use a larger pan and cook omelette a little longer.

For 2 to 4 servings, separate 4 eggs placing whites in a large bowl. Add a dash of salt and beat until frothy. Beat in 3 tbsp. taken from 4 tbsp. confectioners' sugar, a little at a time, until whites form soft, fluffy peaks.

In another bowl, beat egg yolks with rotary beater until thick. Add ½ tsp. vanilla and remaining 1 tbsp. of the confectioners' sugar. Add ¼ c. carbonated beverage from a chilled, freshly opened bottle, stir two or three times gently with a fork to blend.

★

Fold yolk mixture lightly into the beaten egg white.

Put tbsp. butter in frying pan (use nearest to 10 in. x 1¾ in. deep). Melt over high heat until butter just begins to brown; tip pan to coat sides.

Pour in omelette mixture and reduce heat at once to low. Cover pan and continue cooking over very low heat for about 8 min. or until foamy centre does not quake when pan is gently shaken. Run spatula around sides of pan to loosen omelette.

At right angle to handle, cut across but not through. Drop spoonfuls of jam or jelly on the half opposite the handle. Fold the omelette from the handle to the opposite side, tipping the pan and sliding the omelette onto the serving plate. Dust omelette top with powdered sugar, if desired.

For a first course, a soup made from fresh tomatoes is a delightful flavour treat. A thin cream sauce base, a little celery and onion for added flavour and plenty of fresh ripe tomatoes makes a soup as delightful as spring itself.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Squire's Dinner Party

—He Kept His Food In A Remarkable Icebox—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said Christopher Cricket to Knarf and Hanid, the shadows with the turned-about names, "I was invited to a wonderful dinner party last night."

"You were!" said Hanid. "With whom?"

Christopher Cricket answered: "With my very good friend Squire Squirrel."

The Top Floor

Everyone knew that Squire Squirrel lived on the top floor of the Oak Tree Apartment House at the end of the garden walk. Knarf and Hanid had often waved to Squire and he had waved down to them as they passed the Oak Tree Apartment House.

But that was during the summer. It was quite cold and wintery now.

"I thought Squire had moved away to some warmer place," Knarf said to Christopher.

But Christopher shook his head and said that his friend Squire had a good, warm grey fur coat which kept him snug against the sharpest winds.

Dinner Party

"But to get back to the dinner party," said Christopher. "Squire saw me standing in the doorway of his house, that is to say, he saw me standing at the bottom of the Oak Tree. It was cold and blustery. I guess I was shivering a bit."

Knarf and Hanid made themselves comfortable while Christopher told the rest of the story.

"Squire saw me standing there shivering," Christopher Cricket went on, "so he invited me to come in.

"'What you need is a good dinner, my friend,' he said. He sat me down in his dining room. It was a lovely place—fine, soft chairs, a real old-fashioned rocker, lots of nice old lamps—Squirrel hasn't put in electric light yet!—and lots of pictures on the wall painted by himself. He's quite an artist, you know. He paints with the end of his tail.

An Invitation

"'Sit down and have some dinner with me,' Squire Squirrel said.

"I looked around at the table," Christopher said as he went on with his story to Knarf and Hanid. "It was all set for dinner. There were knives and forks and spoons and plates. But there wasn't a bit of dinner to be seen, not a speck.

"'Don't worry, Chris,' said Squire to me. 'I've got it all in my icebox.'

"'But you haven't got an icebox, Squire,' I said.

"'It's in the field on the other side of the wall,' said Squire.

"'Oh,' I said, suddenly remembering. 'You bury your food in the ground. Is that the icebox you mean? Suppose you forget the place where you buried your food.'

A Little Chart

"Squire Squirrel just laughed. He opened his desk and took out a little chart. It was all marked with circles and crosses and checks. They marked all the places where Squire's provisions were buried."

Hanid asked Christopher: "And did Squire find enough food for dinner?"

"He sure did!" said Christopher. "He scampered off to the field and came back five minutes later with a whole armful of provisions. We had acorns and chestnuts and walnuts, all toasted and brown and delicious.

"I wish you had been there. The cold winter ground is the best icebox in the world . . . well, for a squirrel, anyway.

"You must get him to invite you two to dinner some time!"

Squire came back with an armful of provisions.

Rupert and the Black Circle—36

Rupert and Willie beg Mr. Anteater to tell them all about the mystery ball, but the old gentleman only chuckles again. "I promised to solve it and I think I can," he smiles, "but not today. If you and your friends will meet me tomorrow where the road crosses the hill you may learn the answer!" and off he goes. In great excitement Rupert finishes painting a panel of the fence and takes off his apron. "Now, Willie, you must find Bill Badger and bring him," he says. "I'll get Mummy's permission to go."

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BENAUD HITS FIRST CENTURY OF TOUR TO PLACE AUSTRALIA IN UNASSAILABLE POSITION

Worcester, May 3.

Richie Benaud, young all-rounder, hit a sparkling innings of 160 — the first century of the tour — to place the Australian cricketers in an unassailable position at the close of play on the second day of the three-day match against Worcestershire.

The Australians scored 438 in reply to Worcestershire's first innings of 90.

When bad light stopped play more than half an hour before the scheduled close, Worcestershire were two for no wicket in their second innings and needed 346 runs to avert an innings defeat.

Benaud, who batted three and a quarter hours and hit three sixes and 22 fours, led an onslaught which completely shattered the keen Worcestershire attack after the tourists had lost four wickets for 31 runs in the first hour before lunch.

The enterprising all-rounder joined Len Maddocks in a sixth wicket partnership of 120 in 90 minutes and then rattled up 112 in 75 minutes with his captain, Ian Johnson.

Maddocks hit four fours in his 56 and Johnson scored 44 of his previous best—167 not out at Launc Eston, Tasmania, against a combined eleven in 1953—Benaud had his leg stump removed by John Flavell to end the innings.

Alan Davidson was unable to bat owing to slight influenza.

Three-quarters of an hour batting confronted Don Kenyon and Peter Richardson when they opened Worcestershire's second innings, but after Lindwall and Crawford had each sent down one over an appeal for bad light was upheld with Worcestershire two for no wicket.

Resuming at 135 for one this morning the Australians lost Colin McDonald with only two added.

POTENTIAL CENTURY

McDonald batted just under three hours for 86. Eight runs later they lost another potential century maker when Ken Mackay went for 55. Both fell to magnificent slip catches by John Dews.

Both Neil Harvey and Ian Craig failed before Maddocks and Benaud pulled the game round.

Worcestershire's fielding today showed an improvement, with Dews taking three smart catches at slip. The attack also was keen but the bowlers could not subdue the dashing Benaud.

When only seven runs short

SCOREBOARD:

Worcestershire 1st innings 90

Australians — 1st innings

C. McDonald, c Dews b Flavell	86
Burke, b Chesterton	4
Mackay, c Dews, b Chesterton	55
Harvey, c Booth, b Flavell	2
Ian Craig, c Derek Richardson, b Flavell	6
Maddocks, c Dews, b Chesterton	56
Benaud, b Flavell	160
Lindwall, c Flavell, b Jenkins	10
Johnson, c Derek Richardson, b Chesterton	44
Crawford not out	6
Davidson, absent ill	0
Extras	10
Total	438

Wickets fell at: 13, 137, 145, 150, 166, 292, 317, 429 and 438.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Flavell	31.5	9	115	4
Chesterton	56	18	131	4
Jenkins	12	3	51	1
Horton	16	5	43	0
Berry	19	5	88	0

WORCESTER—2nd Innings

Kenyon not out	2
Richardson not out	0
Extras	0
Total two for no wicket	2

—Reuter.

"No One Beats Landy" Says Jim Bailey

Portland, Oregon, May 3.

Jim Bailey, John Landy's former Australian teammate, said today that "no one beats Landy" but the University of Oregon star was set to give it the old college try.

Bailey will go down from the Oregon campus to run against his old friend at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday. It will be their sixth meeting. Landy won five of their previous contests, with Bailey winning in a half-mile event.

How does Bailey feel about his chances in this race?

His better condition now makes Bailey feel that he can keep pace with the man who has four times run faster than four minutes and holds the world record of 3:58.

"I've never done this before in my races against him," said Jim, "but I think I can give it a pretty good try in this race.

"I think I can run the mile in about 4:04 now and I should improve as the season progresses. Landy and I both have about the same speed, but he has terrific strength besides."

NO SUCH FEAR

Bailey said he never before had tried to keep pace with Landy because he was afraid he would not be able to finish. He has no such fear now.

"But," he added, "no one beats Landy."

Bailey and Landy were teammates in the Australian Club in the British Empire Games at Vancouver, B.C., in 1954. Since then Bailey has won the NCAA Mile crown and Landy has twice more clicked off the mile in less than four minutes.

Accompanying Bailey to the race against Landy will be Bill Dellinger, the NCAA Mile Champ in 1954. Dellinger won that year in 4:06 while Bailey won last year in 4:05.6.

Dellinger this year has been training for the two-mile.

Coach Bill Bowerman has had a problem with the two distance stars. Both are such fierce competitors that they hate to lose. So now he has them running in separate events. — United Press.

NO PREDICTION FROM LANDY

Los Angeles, May 3.

John Landy, the man who conquered the four-minute mile, said he would end the heavy part of his training today in preparation for his first United States meet here on Saturday in Memorial Coliseum.

The world's mile record holder at 3:58 said he would taper off tomorrow and rest on Friday.

The Australian star has been jogging on Coliseum grass and track, turning on short bursts of speed from time to time to put himself in top shape for the meet in which his most serious rival may be Ron Delany, Villanova. Delany is known for his terrific "kick" and has toured the Mile in the best 1956 US outdoor time of 4:04.0. He is unbeaten in the event.

Landy has refused to predict whether he would break his mark, but said that under ideal conditions he might be able to cut two seconds from the record.

He said he planned to reverse his record-setting strategy on Saturday and make a slow start and a fast finish.

Landy said he liked the mild spring weather here, but whether he will get ideal conditions on Saturday remains to be seen.

Landy complained the Coliseum track was too hard and he also was bothered in a recent workout by a sore Achilles tendon.

He said the track seemed somewhat dead and hurt his feet but quickly added "it's all right though."

At the same time, he said he had gotten over some breathing difficulty he experiences in a workout earlier this week at Palo Alto, California.

Landy appeared in near-perfect condition as far as observers were concerned. He was called smooth as glass in action in his local workouts.

The Aussie will compete on Saturday against Jim Bailey, University of Oregon (4:05.6), Bill Dellinger, University of Oregon, (4:04.6), Lon Spurrier, Olympic Club (4:08.4), Jerome Walters, Southern California Striders (4:09.4), Danny Schweikart, Los Angeles Athletic Club (4:09.4) and Delany. —United Press.

UK's Minister Of Defence Nominated As MCC President

London, May 3.

Sir Walter Monckton, Britain's Minister of Defence was today nominated as President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) —governing body of British cricket.

The retiring President, Earl Alexander of Tunis, nominated his successor, as is the custom. Sir Walter will take over the position in October.

Earl Alexander and Sir Walter both played cricket for their old school, Harrow. They were together in the Harrow team 40 years ago when Eton beat the Harrovians in one of the most exciting of the annual matches between the two schools. Harrow, needing 55 runs to win, were all out for 45. Sir Walter, who scored 20 in the first innings, got a "duck."

Sir Walter is a former President of Surrey County Cricket Club.—Reuter.

Macao Hockey Club To Honour HHA Secretary

Macao, May 4.

Miss Kim Campbell, the Hon Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association and captain of the WAC hockey team, who is due to return to the United Kingdom next week, will be the guest of honour at a dinner party given by the Committee of the Macao Hockey Club at the Macao Inn here on Saturday.

The dinner will be a show of appreciation by members of the Macao Hockey Club for Miss Campbell who played a leading part in bringing about the close contact between Hongkong and Macao hockey players.

A token souvenir will be presented to Miss Cambell during the dinner.—France-Presse.

COUNTY CRICKET

JIM PARKS HITS 108 NOT OUT FOR SUSSEX

London, May 3.

Jim Parks, 24-year-old batsman in an attractive style, hit 108 not out for Sussex against Warwickshire today to complete the third century scored in the first County match of the season.

Parks helped Sussex take first innings points and finish the day leading by 30 runs, with six wickets in hand; Albert Wolton and Fred Gardner had scored centuries for Warwickshire yesterday.

Gloucestershire batsman Arthur Milton, playing for the MCC against Surrey, passed the mark of ten thousand runs in first class cricket while making 48.

He and Gordon Barker held up Surrey's formidable attack in a stubborn partnership which put on 101 in two and a half hours.

Then England bowler Alec Bedser put Surrey back on the path to victory by dismissing Milton and Willie Watson, the Test batsman, in three balls in the last half Hour.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

Cricket close of play scores:

At Lord's: MCC 142 and 128 for three (Barker not out 55). Surrey 235.

At Oxford: Oxford University 188 and 133 for one (Smith not out 69). Middlesex 225 (W. Edrich 56, Bennett 95).

At Taunton: Somerset-Hampshire two-day friendly match drawn. Somerset 191 for five declared and 108 for five declared. Hampshire 101 for nine declared and 191 for five (Gray 64).

At Cambridge: Yorkshire 251 and 105 for four. Cambridge University 180 (O'Brien 59).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 279. Sussex 309 for four (Oakman 62, Parks not out 108).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire-Glamorgan two-day friendly match drawn. Gloucestershire 204 for seven declared and 133 for nine declared. Glamorgan 272 for seven declared (Horstall not out 77) and 75 for one.—Reuter.

THEY PLAN TO MARRY AFTER TEST SERIES

A member of the Australian Test team who arrived in England aboard ss Himalaya at Tilbury on April 24 was Colin McDonald. He was greeted by his fiancee, Miss Lois Ahlston, who had arrived in London a few weeks ago. They plan to marry in London at the conclusion of the tour.—Central Press Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Eleventh Race Meeting concludes tomorrow. There are 10 events down for decision, the most important of which is the Mongkok Handicap for Class 2 ponies over the Champion distance.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., with the First Race starting at 2.00 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

(Shaukiwan Handicap: One Mile).

Novice jockeys have this opening race of the day all to themselves and they will be called upon to take out Class 9 ponies.

Full-of-Spirit (S. Shum) will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and on form it should certainly have a good chance of winning here.

Tumbleweed (W. M. Chan) is the next best bet, but V.I.P. (Alex Lam) and Serabo (Andrew Lam) are not to be ignored, especially the former which is not bad over this distance.

SECOND RACE

(Pokfulam Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs).

The winner of this race should come from among Violet Ray (P. Plumbly), Chinese Mackerel (H. K. Hung), Full Ahead (K. Kwok) and Squadron Leader (E. S. Wong).

Violet Ray has disappointed its supporters on many occasions but may make up for it this time.

Chinese Mackerel could make a go of it and Full Ahead, given a good start, may upset all calculations.

THIRD RACE

(Tai Hang Handicap: One And A Quarter Miles).

In this race for Class 5 ponies, Supreme Command (Chen Poo) will start favourite by virtue of its outstanding win in its last outing, carrying 153 lbs. when it paid a big dividend.

Jetfield (A. Ostroumoff) is good enough to offer Supreme Command stiff opposition.

Eagle King (Starr Liu) should be good enough to get a place here.

For big money I recommend Lake Success (P. Plumbly).

FOURTH RACE

(Tsun Wan Plate: From 1½ Mile Post).

This race is for 1956 ponies which have won $1,250 or more in stakes. Winners barred. Weight:—Winners of not more than $1,250 in stakes: 140 lb. Penalties: 2 lb. for every $250 or part thereof won in stakes in excess of $1,250. Maximum weight 159 lb.

Judging from its second placing in the Diamond Hill Plate (First Section) over six furlongs at the 8th Race Meeting, Vingt Et Un (M. Samarcq) seems to be the best for the premier position.

The danger, of course, is Red Light (K. Shih), which is fighting fit at the moment, and this combination should not be ignored.

Then there is Ben Nevis (K. Kwok), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat the above named two ponies.

Peach Blossom (P. Plumbly) is another good pony to bear in mind.

FIFTH RACE

(Taikoktsui Plate (First Section): One Mile).

This race is confined to 1956 ponies which have not won $1,250 of more in stakes. Weight 147 lb.

Logical choice in this race is Easy Win (Robert Tsui). A win is certainly coming up for this well-conditioned pony. It will not come as a surprise if it will win by a comfortable margin over Dutch Rocket (H. H. Chan) and Caravelle (H. C. Pih).

Jezebel (M. Samarcq) is improving in its track work during morning gallops.

For a big dividend take a shot at Supremacy (C. F. Ng).

SIXTH RACE

(Laichikok Handicap: Six Furlongs).

This race is for Class 2 ponies which have not won more than $5,000 in stakes since November 5, 1955. Jockey allowance.

Johnber (A. Ostroumoff) and Aviomore (P. Plumbly) are my selections for this sprint race. Both are fast and fit and should be prominent from the word "go."

There are other potential winners. Knock-again (C. F. Ng) and King A (H. C. Pih) are both primed up for top effort and should be very close at the finish.

A good outsider is Straight Forward (S. W. Tang).

SEVENTH RACE

(Taikoktsui Plate (Second Section):—One Mile).

The second batch of 1956 ponies will figure in this event and among the entries, I favour Pandora (K. Kwok) to take the major prize with Carola (H. M. Botelho) and Constellation (H. K. Chuang) fighting out the second and third positions.

A pony which could cause an upset is Princess Ellen (H. K. Hung).

EIGHTH RACE

(Pokfulam Handicap (Second Section):—Six Furlongs).

Long Cue (W. K. Shu) will command strong support in this race in view of its easy win over the mile in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) for Class 6 ponies in 1.46-3/5 seconds.

Gladsie (K. Kwok) will probably be challenging all the way while How Do I Know (H. C. Woo), if it gets away with the rest of the field, could get such a lead that the others may not catch it before the finish.

Thousand Miles (M. Samarcq) is by no means out of the race.

NINTH RACE

(Saiyingpun Handicap: One Mile).

I think Dona Maria (P. Plumbly) is due for a belated win in this class.

Pearl of Hongkong (Chun Kit) was prominent on rounding the village bend of his last race and has a sporting chance tomorrow.

Colin (M. Samarcq), Southern Cross (T. H. Yau) and Henrietta (K. Kwok) are good over this distance and can be depended upon to make a race of it.

10TH RACE

(Mongkok Handicap: 1¼ Miles).

This is the final event of the meeting and is confined to Class 2 ponies.

By being placed second in the Silver Mine Bay Handicap over the 2-mile post at the last meeting Raja (Robert Tsai) should attract the most interest among punters and should win.

However, Knock-down (P. Plumbly) and Gabriel Junks (A. Ostroumoff) should not be treated lightly as both are capable of giving a good account of themselves.

Babsie (W. Holman) and Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh) are good as outsiders only.

GOLF

Player Holds Four Stroke Advantage Over Lees

Sunningdale, Berkshire, May 3.

Gary Player, young South African Open Champion, set up a record over the new course here today with a 64 and took the lead in the Dunlop professional golf tournament with a 54-hole total of 195.

Player starts the final two rounds tomorrow holding a four-stroke advantage over his nearest rival, Arthur Lees, the home professional, who had a 68 today for 202.

Three strokes behind Lees is Harry Bradshaw, the Irish Ryder Cup player, who returned a third round of 62.

Player and Lees, joint overnight leaders, were out together today. Player soon outdistanced his more experienced rival, and with halves of 32 out and in he knocked one stroke off the record held jointly by Lees and Max Faulkner.

Forty players with scores of 217 and better qualified for the final 36 holes. — China Mail Special.

BASEBALL

Slowest Runner In American League Hits A Surprise Bunt

New York, May 3.

Gus Zernial, perhaps the slowest runner in the American League, beat out a surprise bunt today to set up the run that gave the Kansas City Athletics an 8-7 triumph over the New York Yankees.

Enos Slaughter opened the ninth inning with a double and then the 225-pound Zernial caught the Yankee infield flatfooted with a bunt past pitcher Tom Morgan. Zernial easily beat out the single as Slaughter went to third and Enos crossed with the winning run when Harry Simpson lifted a sacrifice fly.

The Athletics had taken an early 5-0 lead but the Yankees battled back to gain a 7-7 tie with a five-run fifth-inning rally sparked by two-run homers by Hank Bauer and Yogi Berra.

Reliever Ed Burtschy, who pitched the last 4-1/3 innings without yielding a run, was the winning pitcher while Morgan suffered his second loss of the campaign.

Frank Sullivan pitched six-hit ball and drove in a run with a double to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 5-2 verdict over the Detroit Tigers in the only other American League day game. The Pittsburgh Pirates snapped the Cincinnati Redlegs' six-game winning streak, 5-1, in the National League's only day game.

TWO-RUN HOMER

Dick Gernert and Frank Malzone each hit a two-run homer as the Red Sox returned to the .500 mark for the season. Sullivan, meanwhile, shut out the Tigers for seven innings en route to his fifth straight victory over the Tigers, dating back to last year.

Frank Thomas and Dale Long hit two-run homers and Bob Friend, NLERA leader in 1955, tossed a five-hitter for the surprising Pirates, who have won five of their last six games. Joe Nuxhall, a 17-game winner last season, suffered his second straight loss for Cincinnati.

Cleveland was at Baltimore and Chicago at Washington in American League night games. Brooklyn was at St Louis in an NL are-lighter. A New York at Milwaukee night game was postponed because of rain.—United Press.

COLONIAL NATIONAL

Peter Thomson And Pair Of Golfdom's Lesser Lights In The Lead

Fort Worth, Texas, May 3.

The British Open Champion, Peter Thomson of Melbourne, Australia, and a pair of golfdom's lesser lights—Dow Finsterwald and Pat Harney—putted into the Colonial National Invitation's 18-hole lead today with one-under-par 69s.

The trio of 28-year-olds found the long, rain-soaked Colonial Country Club layout to their liking with precision short irons and trustworthy putters to forge a stroke in front of three of the Game's real veterans — Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and Tommy Bolt, who matched the 7,100-yard course's par 35-35—70.

Finsterwald, the slightly-built former Ohio University ace, canned a 15-footer and Harney a 12-footer on the final hole for birdies which gave them a share of the lead in the race for $5,000 top money.

Thomson, however, got down in two from 70 feet for a par on that hole, dropping a 20-footer on the 18th green that pulled him into the sub-par class.

Below the first six the field was tightly bunched, with five pros at two-over-par 72 and a dozen or so at 73.

Masters Champion Jack Burke, Bo Winninger and three foreigners—Canadian PGA Cup players Stan Leonard and Gordon Byrdson and Argentina's Roberto de Vicenzo—were at 72.

Hillman Robbins, Jr, winner of the North-South Tournament last week and one of the three amateurs in the 54-player field, also finished with a 37-36—73 in the final threesome of the day.

British Amateur Champion Joe Conrad holed out a 30-foot blast from a trap on the final hole for a 42-36—78, and Bob Hopkins had a 38-41—79.—United Press.

CYCLING RACE

Lodz, Poland, May 3.

The East German Champion, Gustav Schurr, winner of last year's race, won the second lap of the Warsaw-Berlin-Prague "Peace" bicycle race today.

He covered the 140 kilometres from Warsaw to Lods in three hours 23 minutes 28 seconds.—United Press.

WEEK-END LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their respective clubs in the opening matches of the 1956 League Lawn Bowls season over the week-end:

CCC

2nd Div (Away) v KDC "B" tomorrow at 4 p.m.:— T. A. Leonard, A. R. Razack, G. F. Santos, G. Madar; C. K. Sung, R. O. Baker, A. M. L. Soares, R. Toy; P. R. Ragil, R. K. Pavri, J. H. Xavier, J. W. Leonard.

C.C.C. fixtures for the 1st and 3rd Divisions have been postponed.

Filipino Club

2nd Div. (Home) v Kowloon Docks at 3 p.m. tomorrow:—L. A. Peres, I. S. Castro, F. Tan, M. T. Nunes, C. N. Franco, H. F. Pereira, T. M. Castilho, S. S. Hussain, C. M. Castilho, C. Foster, C. M. Xavier, F. J. Rodrigues.

1st Div. (Home) v K.B.G.C. at 3.30 p.m. Sunday:— A. J. Coelho, C. F. Rozario, A. A. H. Souza, C. A. Coelho, J. W. Lee, E. J. Xavier, A. Bachoo, R. Bass, M. R. Pereira, J. R. Soares, J. A. Tibble, J. T. Cotton.

HKFC

2nd Div. (Home) v United Services Recreation Club tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.:—K. B. Baker, P. Gardner, H. Hildsdale, E. Greenwood, H. Black, W. McColl, R. Butler, K. Farrow, F. Jones, T. Sneddon, P. Cottler, J. K. Sloan. Reserve: F. J. Young.

3rd Div. (Away) v Hongkong Police Sports Assn. at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow:—T. Reynolds, E. Strange, B. Bovaird, E. Gautier, R. A. Jones, J. Robertson, E. Moth, K. A. Baker, W. A. P. Thom, A. Boyd-Cowan, W. S. Taylor, T. Dyer.

HKCC

2nd Div. (Away) v KCC tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.:—J. H. Cockburn, A. R. Brown, D. W. Leach, T. O. Morgan, K. M. Almao, C. M. Stevens, L. G. Young, D. Trail, A. B. Coleman, T. G. Knight, A. D. Duffy, E. F. Gee.

HKERC

3rd Div. (Home) v KCC tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.:—J. F. Barron, R. J. Stainer, A. R. C. Spencer, E. Poulson, A. P. Tarbuck, F. D. R. Bottomley, J. K. Mundy, W. Stoker, I. J. McKelvie, P. F. Williams, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner.

KCC

1st Div. (Home) vs Taikoo Dock Club at 4 p.m. tomorrow:—Thompson, Duffield, Chubb, Hong Sling; Dow, Tang, Rosselet, Kermani; Sequeira, Diveoha, Phillips, Gaffney.

2nd Div. (Home) vs Hongkong Cricket Club to-morrow at 4 p.m.:—Nelson, E. P. White, Lee, Copell; Dooley, Bones, Phoenix, Wong; W. Baker, Lam, Gibson, Lack.

3rd Div. (Away) vs Hongkong Electric Rec. Club at 3.30 p.m.:—Hayes, A. B. White, Edwards, Triggs; J. A. White, R. J. Taylor, Naylon, Maitland; Lipscombe, D. Taylor, Hudson, Ladd.

KBGC

1st Div. (Away) v F. C. on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.:— A. Bailey, J. W. Tindall, P. Hughes, T. Kavanagh, C. B. Rounsefell, F. C. Casson, R. H. Browne, W. Williamson, V. C. Bond, L. Gaddi, F. Francis, A. L. G. Eastman.

3rd Div. (Home) v PRC tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.:—V. I. Thomas, G. Jeffries, C. E. Terry, L. F. G. Cosgrove, S. A. Tremlett, O. A. Gordon, L. C. Parker, C. J. Askey, S. Bicheno, E. F. S. Baker, S. Strange, A. Hutton.

Reserves: Gleslie, V. Russell, A. Bellamy, A. Joshua.

PRC

2nd Div. (Away) v Recreio tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.:—T. Pilkington, J. Sawford, A. J. Bennett, C. Pope; Boza Yu, R. L. Russell, P. W. Metcalfe, F. W. Hollands; W. Williamson, C. C. Morgan, E. Lonsdale, W. H. Caton. Reserves: J. A. Gurney, T. Chalmers, L. Bradley.

3rd Div. (Away) v KBGC tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.:—R. F. Smith, T. H. Walker, R. Bellamy, C. Willcox; J. H. Harris, G. T. Carter, R. W. J. Boxall, G. Arden; J. Moore, R. G. Dunning, V. Seymour, T. Poynton.

Reserves: M. Taylor, R. Brotherton; J. H. Rice.

Recreio

1st Division v. Craigengower Cricket Club—Postponed.

2nd. Div. (Home) vs Police Recreation Club at 4 p.m.:— A. A. Remedios (skip) H. J. Noronha, V. L. Xavier, A. M. Baptista, A. A. Gutierres (skip) G. A. Noronha, J. Fonseca, A. A. G. Silva; L. B. Silva (skip) F. G. da Luz, J. F. Silva, J. M. Gutierriez.

Reserves: M. A. Ferreira, G. F. Almeida.

USRC

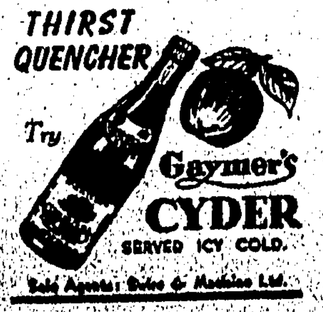
2nd Div. (Away) v HKFC tomorrow at 4 p.m.:— R. A. Edwards, A. Buckley, B. Van Zuiden, D. L. Edwards; A. Stevens, A. Fletcher, S. S. Flanders, T. Curry; N. Hamilton, R. Holloway, A. J. Shoyer, R. Hetherington.

Reserves: C. Ingledew, J. Whitefield.

Valley Trophy

The following players have been selected to play for HKFC against the Craigengower Cricket Club at CCC on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m.:—H. Black, T. Reynolds, F. Angus, K. Farrow, T. Sneddon, W. Taylor, T. Dyer, E. Greenwood; W. Thom, K. Summers, R. Butler, J. Sloan; F. Jones, N. Van-Heck, W. McColl, E. Gautier; J. Robertson, A. Boyd-Cowan, C. McLennan, K. A. Baker; Mrs Dyer, Mrs McLennan, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Robertson, Reserves: P. Cottler and Mrs Boyd-Cowan.

The undermentioned have been selected to represent the CCC, against the H.K.F.C. at the CCC, on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m.:— R. G. Barros, A. F. Ferreira, F. X. Lopez, J. S. Landon; L. M. Silva, A. M. F. Soares, C. C. Ma, F. O. Mendes, F. Lee, R. O. Baker, W. C. Oxley, C. F. Rozario; W. M. Bowers, R. C. Jarvis, C. A. Souza, A. M. Gomes, C. K. Sung, C. Mayer, G. Arden, J. R. L. Leonard, Tony Chan, Jose L. Rocha, Alan L. Rocha.



ARMY FOOTBALL FINAL

The 2nd Training Regt. (Royal Signals) beat the 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in the Army football final at Aldershot Stadium on April 25 by three goals to two after extra time.

In picture Signalman R. Beale (No. 8), inside-right for the Signals, misses a centre with his head and nearly butts into the goalpost. Cpl Woolnought (A & S), covering in goal, watches anxiously as the ball passes the goalkeeper who is well out.

ROME TENNIS TOURNEY

Virtually Unknown Girl Beats Darlene Hard For First Big Upset

Rome, May 3.

Third-seeded Darlene Hard, US, was eliminated from the Rome International Tennis Tournament today in the first big upset in the Women's Singles.

Italy's Chiara Ramorino, virtually unknown outside this country, beat Miss Hard, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

In another upset, Australia's unseeded Thelma Long beat Germany's fifth-seeded Erika Vollmer, 6-2, 6-3.

Fourth-seeded Shirley Bloomer, England, beat Heather Brewer, Bermuda, 6-2, 6-1.

In first round Mixed Doubles Fay Muller, Australia, and Adolfo Covi, Italy, beat Suzy Haillet and Robert Haillet, France, 6-2, 6-8, 6-2. Italy's Niela Migliori and Umberto Bergamo beat Maria Wei Austria, and Milan Branovi Germany, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

In other Men's Doubles second round results: Art Larsen, US and Bob Howe, Australia, beat Eduardo Argon, Uruguay, and Isias Pimentel, Venezuela, 7-5, 6-2, 6-8, 12-14, 6-3.

In a first round doubles match, Italy's Umberto Bergamo and Giorgi Fachini beat Australia's Dick Francis and Arthur Marshall 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Last year's Champion, Pat Ward, of England, seeded number two, beat Australia's Mary Hawton 6-8, 6-3, 6-2.

Darlene Hard and Bob Howe, of Australia, eliminated Aline O'Donnell, of Australia, and Sweden's Sven Davidson 7-9, 6-1, 7-5.

Lucia Bassi, of Italy, and Isias Pimentel, of Venezuela, beat Italy's Chiara Ramorino and Michele Pirro 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Britain's Pat Ward and Australia's Don Candy beat Italy's R. Beltrame, and G. Antinori 6-0, 6-0.

Erika Vollmer and American Hugh Stewart beat Australia's N. Hopman and Italy's Sergio Jacomi 6-4, 6-0.

Art Larsen, US, took things easy beating Mexico's 17-year-old Champion Esteban Reyes, 6-2, 7-5, 6-0.

In another match of the Men's Singles, Gordon Forbes, of South Africa, beat Italy's Giorgio Fachini 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

In the Women's Singles, eighth-seeded Barbara Schofield Davidson, US, beat South African Jean Forbes 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

In another second round Women's match, sixth-seeded Angela Buxton, of Britain, beat Anca Bellani, of Italy, 6-4, 6-2.

In the second round of the Men's Doubles, Lewis Hoad, of Australia, and Jaroslav Drobny, allowed America's Andrew Stern and India's Appa Rao only one game, winning 6-1, 6-0, 6-0.

Joseph Asboth, of Hungary, and Cesare Guercilena, of Italy, beat Italy's Anthonio Maggi and Alberto Lazzarino, 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in a first round match.

In the quarter-finals of the Men's Singles, Bob Perry, US, beat Sweden's Staffan Stockenberg, 7-5, 13-11, 6-0.

Althea Gibson, US, entered the quarter-finals by beating Edaphine Seeney, of Australia, 6-3, 6-4.—United Press.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.St.J., Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District. Order No. 18/56. Dated May 3, 1956.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong.—6.5.56.-12.5.56. Eastern Amb. Div. 13.5.56.-19.5.56. Causeway Bay Amb. Div. May, 1956: SCAA Nsg. Div.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon. — 7.5.56.-13.5.56. KYMCA Amb. Div. 14.5.56.-20.5.56. Mongkok Amb. Div. May, 1956: Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties.—6.5.56. Dr S.Y. Cheng, Dentist, A/S Z. el Arculli & SCAA N/D. 13.5.56. Dr Woo Ngai-chen, Dentist Tay Hiongsen, C/S.O. IV. C. Hanke & SCAA N/D.

Race Duties.—5.5.56. at Race Course Central Amb. Div. at Headquarters Confucian Amb. Div. 19.5.56. at Race Course SCAA Amb. Div. at Headquarters KCOB Amb. Div. 21.5.56. at Race Course KCOB Amb. Div. at Headquarters SCAA Amb. Div.

Orderly Duties for Mainland Area Hqts.—3.5.56. KYMCA Amb. Div. 4.5.56. Tsimshatsui Amb. Div. 5.5.56. Kong Wah Amb. Div. 6.5.56. Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 7.5.56. Shamshuipo Nsg. Div. 8.5.56. Mongkok Amb. Div. 9.5.56. Tsimshatsui Amb. Div.

Beach Duties—Hongkong.—5.5.56. (Sat.) 2 p.m. Repulse Bay 5th Numb A/D. Big Wave Bay Wanchai 'B' A/D. Shek-O Kennedy Town A/D. 6.5.56. (Sun.) 9.30 a.m. Repulse Bay Central A/D. Big Wave Bay Wanchai 'A' A/D. Shek-O Western Dist. A/D. 1.30 p.m. Repulse Bay SCAA A/D. Big Wave Bay Chung Sing A/D. Shek-O Confucian A/D. May 1956: Manshuen Nsg: Div.

Beach Duties—Kowloon.—KYMCA Swimming Pavilion: KYMCA Nsg. Div. Civil Servants Assn. Swimming Pavilion: Waterloo Nsg. Div. Eastern Athletic Assn., Swimming Pavilion: Shamshuipo Nsg. Div. Lachikok Beach: 5th & 6th May: Tsimshatsui Amb. Div. & Waterloo Nsg. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties.—May 1956: Shamshuipo: Shamshuipo Nsg. Div. Western Dist: Western Dist. Nsg. Div.

Mongkok K.F.W.A. Assn. Clinic Duties.—May 1956: KYMCA Nsg. Div.

H.K. Society for the Protection of Children—Kowloon. — 5.5.56.-5.5.56. Shamshuipo Nsg. Div. 7.5.56.-12.5.56. Waterloo Nsg. Div.

Appointment & Promotion.—Mainland Area Store: Pte. Lee Che promoted to be Cpl. w.e.f. 26.4.56. Mongkok Amb. Div.: Ptes. Ip Tampo and Wong King-bong promoted to be L/Cpls w.e.f. 26.4.56. KYMCA Amb Div.: Ptes. Kwan Yam-chung and Chan Wing-kwong promoted to be Cpls w.e.f. 26.4.56. Pte. Wan Ho-sang promoted to be L/Cpl. w.e.f. 26.4.56.

Transfer.—KYMCA Nsg. Div.: Amb/Sis. Yu Mei-ying transferred to Y.R. w.e.f. 27.4.56.

Decrease of Strength.—(a) Reserve —Mongkok Amb. Div.: Pte. Lam Shing-sum reserved w.e.f. 26.4.56. (b) Resignation—Kong Wah Amb. Div.: Pte. Cheng Shiu-wah resigned w.e.f. 26.4.56. Kowloon Amb. Div.: Pte. Wong Woon resigned w.e.f. 26.4.56.

(Sgd.) F. I. Tsang, C.St.J.
Deputy Commissioner,
District Headquarters.

Soccer League Standings

The following are the local Soccer League standings up to and including April, 29:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
First Division							
Eastern	24	21	0	3	87	38	42
South China	24	20	1	3	147	41	41
K.M.B.	24	17	3	4	107	37	37
Sing Tao	24	17	3	4	85	44	37
Kit Chee	24	15	2	7	81	45	32
Army	24	11	4	9	64	47	26
R.A.F.	24	10	2	12	67	61	22
C.A.A.	24	10	2	12	70	69	22
Kwong Wah	24	7	4	13	64	67	18
Navy	24	6	2	16	50	119	14
Police	24	4	2	18	46	91	10
St Joseph's	24	5	0	19	36	119	10
Club	24	0	1	23	21	133	1
Second Division							
K.M.B.	24	19	2	3	96	23	40
Kitchee	24	17	5	2	79	21	39
Jardines	24	16	6	2	69	29	38
South China	24	16	3	5	60	42	35
Army	24	12	4	8	53	40	28
Sing Tao	24	10	7	7	50	31	27
Eastern	24	10	4	10	48	38	24
C.A.A.	24	9	6	9	56	51	24
R.A.F.	24	6	3	13	52	67	19
Police	24	6	4	14	53	78	16
Tung Wah	24	3	6	15	32	65	12
St Joseph's	24	3	3	18	22	91	9
Club	24	1	1	22	18	127	3
Third Division							
R.A.M.C.	24	17	5	2	93	28	39
Prisons	23	13	6	4	73	36	32
Little Sai Wan	24	13	6	5	65	38	32
K.M.B.	24	13	3	8	47	38	29
Gymnastics	24	12	5	7	61	43	29
C.M.B.	24	12	3	9	64	42	27
R.E.M.E.	23	10	4	9	59	49	24
Taikoo	23	10	3	10	43	42	23
Dockyard	23	9	4	10	47	49	22
Tramways	24	6	6	13	38	60	18
Solicitors	23	6	3	14	39	62	15
Telephone	24	4	3	17	33	104	11
Dairy Farm	23	3	1	19	19	87	7
Fourth Division							
B. & S. Road Works	23	20	3	0	128	28	43
R.I.L.	22	19	2	1	87	25	40
Watson's	23	16	3	4	62	22	35
H.K. Aircraft Caroline Hill	23	15	4	3	51	32	34
S. & S. Tamar	24	11	4	9	56	52	26
Kiln	23	10	4	9	47	29	24
Godowns	22	9	0	14	36	62	18
Redifussion	22	8	0	14	36	62	16
Hollandia	24	7	2	15	33	70	16
Dodwells	24	6	3	15	28	68	15
University	23	4	3	16	34	78	11
Lane Crawford	22	4	1	17	34	68	9

LEAGUE TENNIS

Following were the results of League Tennis matches played yesterday:

MEN'S "D" DIVISION

KTGCA Lost To CRC (1) 2-7

Peter Chan and Y. K. Luk (KTGCA) lost to M. Ma and B. W. Choi 3-6; lost to M. Lo and P. T. Tsoi 4-6; beat P. S. Ng and K. H. Cheung 6-1.

Y. K. Luk and M. S. Lee (KTGCA) lost to M. Ma and P. W. Choi 2-6; lost to M. Lo and P. T. Tsoi 4-6; lost to P. S. Ng and K. H. Cheung 4-6.

K. Yuen and K. A. Yam (KTGCA) lost to M. Ma and Choi 1-6, lost to M. Lo and Tsoi 1-6, beat Ng and Cheung 6-3.

LRC Lost To CRC (2) By 4-5

Holloway and Waller lost to F. K. Lau and W. K. Lore 0-6; beat C. M. Quen and Y. O. Lee 6-3; lost to F. F. Li and F. M. Leung 4-6.

Eggendeder and Vanderhek beat F. K. Lau and W. K. Lore 6-4; beat C. M. Quen and Y. O. Lee 6-0; beat F. F. Li and F. M. Leung 6-2.

Graham and Evcill lost to F. K. Lau and W. K. Lire 1-6; lost to C. M. Quen and Y. O. Lee 4-6; lost to F. F. Li and F. M. Leung 4-6.

CRC Beat POC By 7½-1½

V. Mac and K. C. Yip beat Bashall and K. K. Fung 6-1; beat Zajac and Ernst 6-2; beat Ecob and McNider 6-3.

W. H. Ma and Y. H. Eu lost to Bashall and K. K. Fung 5-7; beat Zajac and Ernst 6-2; beat Ecob and McNider 6-3.

Y. H. Leung and Y. P. Chung drew with Bashall and K. K. Fung 6-0; beat Zajac and Ernst 6-3; beat Ecob and McNider 6-3.

MIXED "D" DIVISION

Recreio Lost To Urban Council 3-6

A. S. Senna and Mrs M. Vianna drew with C. S. Cheng and Mrs I. B. Lam 6-6; lost to W. K. Chung and Mrs W. C. Chung 2-6; drew with W. C. Chung and Mrs P. S. Chung 6-6.

D. Rodrigues and Miss M. Figueiredo lost to Cheng and Mrs Lam 3-6; lost to K. Chung and Mrs Chung 0-6; beat C. Chung and Mrs P. S. Chung 6-2.

C. Gonsalves and Mrs O. Silva lost to Cheng and Mrs Lam 3-6; lost to K. Chung and Mrs Chung 2-6; lost to C. Chung and Mrs P. S. Chung 1-6.

LRC Lost To CCC By 7-2

J. Cotton and E. Saubolle lost to Joseph Hsu and Miss S. Correa 5-7; lost to E. M. Pereira and Mrs M. Ramchand 5-7; lost to W. F. Gillies and Miss S. Rumjahn 4-6.

Mr and Mrs B. Green lost to Joseph Hsu and Miss S. Correa 2-6; lost to E. M. Pereira and Mrs Ramchand 1-6; beat W. F. Gillies and Miss S. Rumjahn 6-3.

S. Saul and Miss A. Marker lost to Joseph Hsu and Miss S. Correa 4-6; beat E. M. Pereira and Mrs M. Ramchand 6-3; lost to W. F. Gillies and Miss S. Rumjahn 4-6.

HKAAA PENTATHLON ON JUNE 3

The Annual Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association Pentathlon Championship will be held on Sunday, June 3, it was decided at the Executive Committee Meeting of the HKAAA held at the Education Department yesterday.

As last year the five Pentathlon events will be the official Olympic Pentathlon events—the Long Jump, Discus Throw, 200 Metres Dash, Javelin Throw and 1,500 Metres Run—and scoring will be on the IAAF Decathlon tables.

Entries, with entry fee of $5, should reach the Hon. Secretary of the HKAAA, P.O. Box 280, by 12 noon on Wednesday, May 30.

Standard Medals won during the season will be presented at the conclusion of the Pentathlon Championship on June 3.

The meeting decided to hold two evening athletic meetings a month throughout the summer months from June onwards. These will be staged on Saturdays or Sundays from 5 to 8 p.m., there being a limited number of events at each meeting with no attempt at a full-scale athletic programme.

The annual Combined Services v. Combined Civilians athletic match has been postponed to the autumn and will follow the HKAAA Open Meeting—also an annual event—some time in November.

There will be no athletic meeting this Sunday.

The Chairman, Mr Raleigh Leung, commenced the business of yesterday's meeting by expressing the appreciation of the HKAAA to Major A. C. A. Walker, the Army representative on the Executive Committee, for his services to the Association and wished him and his family every success and good health. Major Walker is leaving shortly for the United Kingdom.

OPEN 3,000 METRES

A letter was received from the South China Athletic Association informing the committee that the eleventh Inter-School Athletic meet was put back to May 20 and that there will be two events open to the Colony. They are the 3,000 Metres and the 4 x 100 Metres relay.

A suggestion was passed at the meeting to issue certificates to the runners who took part in the three-hour run at South China ground in January this year. In the race Bob Pape of the Royal Navy broke the unofficial World record.

RECORDS RATIFIED

The following Colony Records were ratified at the meeting:—

One Mile Run in 4 minutes 27.4 seconds by Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment at the Army ground at Boundary Street in a special open event at the Royal Army Medical Corps Athletic Championships on March 8.

Three Miles Run in 15 minutes 01.0 second by Cd. MAA Robert Henry Pape at the University athletic ground at Pokfulam in the course of the annual Norman Phillips Trophy Match on March 11.

400 Metres Run in 51.0 seconds by Cpl. Thomas Bailey of the North Staffordshire Regiment at the HKAAA Annual Championships at the Government Stadium at Sookunpoo on March 25.

800 Metres Run in 1 minute 57.9 seconds by Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment at the Government Stadium at Sookunpoo at the HKAAA Annual Championships on March 25.

1,500 Metres Run in 4 minutes 10.2 seconds by Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment at the Government Stadium at Sookunpoo at the HKAAA Annual Championships on March 25.

One Mile Walk in 7 minutes 31.8 seconds by George Stacy Kennedy Skipton of the European YMCA Athletic Club at the Government Stadium at Sookunpoo at the HKAAA Annual Championships on March 25.

400 Metres Low (3-foot) Hurdles in 60.8 seconds by Leung Kam-ching of the South China Athletic Association at the Government Stadium at Sookunpoo at the HKAAA Annual Championships on March 25.

STANDARD MEDALS

Following is a list of HKAAA Standard Medals won during the 1955-6 season:

Ladies' Events

100 Yards Dash:—Fong Sik.
200 Metres Dash:—Julia Tingay.
Long Jump: — Ng Shuet-kwai, Chung Po-ling, Elizabeth Shekury.
High Jump:—Julia Tingay, Keung Pui-yee.

Men's Events

200 Metres Dash:—Cpl. R. Williams.
400 Metres Run:—Cpl. T. Bailey, 2/Lt. P. W. Boorman, Cpl. T. Brown, Leung Kam-po.
440 Yards Run:—Cpl. T. Bailey, J/T.P.N. Randles, Lt. Clement, 2/Lt. P. W. Boorman.
800 Metres Run:—2/Lt. P. W. Boorman, Pte. S. E. Peat, LAC K. Martin, J/T.P.N. Randles.
880 Yards Run:—2/Lt. P. W. Boorman, Pte. S. E. Peat.
1,500 Metres Run:—LAC K. Martin, Lt. P. J. R. Alderton, 2/Lt. P. W. Boorman, Cpl. J. Highton, Gnr. M. B. S. Tulloh, Pte. S. E. Peat, Chan Hung-man.
One Mile Run:—LAC K. Martin, Lt. P. J. R. Alderton, Gnr. M. B. S. Tulloh, Cpl. J. Highton, J/T.P.N. Randles, 2/Lt. P. W. Boorman, Cpl. A. L. Smith, Gnr. Wheata.
3,000 Metres Run:—Lt. K. Burch, Cd/MAA R. H. Pape, Gnr. M. B. S. Tulloh, Cpl. A. L. Smith.
Three Miles Run:—Cd/MAA R. H. Pape.
5,000 Metres Run:—Cd/MAA R. H. Pape, Lt. K. Burch, Cpl. J. Highton.

10,000 Metres Run:—Cd/MAA R. H. Pape, Cpl. A. L. Smith, Cfn. Hodkinson, Gnr. M. B. S. Tulloh, 2/Lt. P. W. Boorman, Chan Kim-hung, Sgt. Anderson, Gnr. R. Whittle.

400 Metres Hurdles:—Leung Kam-ching, Lee Shu-chung.

High Jump:—Capt. J. Hunter, LAC R. Pearce.

Pole Vault:—Cfn. Jackson, Chu Fook-sing.

Long Jump:—Capt. J. Hunter, Lee Yu-man.

Discus Throw:—RSM P. McGeever.

Hammer Throw:—Pte. Churchyard.

Javelin Throw:—2/Lt M. J. Pagan.

BASSEY WINS

Liverpool, England, May 4.

Hogan Bassey (Nigeria), the British Empire Featherweight boxing Champion, outpointed Aldo Pravisani (Italy) in an eight-round bout here last night.—China Mail Special.

Your last few chances for nominating Hongkong's Footballer Of The Year

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Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club, HK Bank Board Room at 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Racing

11th Race Meeting at Happy Valley commencing at 2 p.m.

Soccer

F.A. Cup Final at Wembley: Birmingham C v Manchester C.

Stanley Shield seven-a-side tournament starts at the Club ground at 6 p.m.

Div. 3: Prisons v Dockyard (Stanley); University v Watsons (HV) 6 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

1956 season starts: Div. 1: CCC v Recreio; FC v KBGC; KCC v Taikoo; IRC "B" v IRC "C".

Div. 2: HKFC v USRC; Recreio v PRC; KDC "B" v CCC; FC v KDC "W"; KCC v HKCC.

Div. 3: CCC v FC; HKERC v KCC; KBGC v PRC; HKPSA v HKFC.

U.S. High Jumper Clears 6: 10¼ In Freshman Meet

Dallas, Texas, May 3.

Freshman Don Stewart of Southern Methodist jumped higher than any athlete in the world so far this year with a 6 foot 10¼ inch effort today in the High Jump at a triangular freshman meet.

Stewart, who broke his own National Freshman High Jump mark of 6-8¾ set earlier this year, cleared the bar on his first try. Officials then moved it to the 6-11½ world mark and Stewart barely touched the bar with his body in rolling over and was on the ground before the bar fell.

The best previous jump this year was 6-9¾ by Walt Mangham of New Castle, Pennsylvania, High School last Saturday.

Stewart jumped at the same Ownby Stadium pit where Walter Davis of Texas A & M, the world record holder, once cleared the bar at seven feet in a Southwest conference meet in 1952 only to find it sagged in the middle by an inch and a half.

Stewart, who jumps from the left side with his right shoe off, also won the 120-yard High Hurdles with a time of 15.2 seconds and the Javelin Throw with 153 feet 11 inches to lead the SMU freshmen to a victory over Baylor and Texas Christian.

In a companion Varsity meet, Baylor scored 67 points for first place while TCU edged SMU for second with 51½ points to 48½.

The SMU freshman had little trouble in outscoring both their opponents in piling up 81 points. Baylor and TCU freshmen totalled 38 each.

Stewart's leap gives him a good chance to make the United States Olympic team.—United Press.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, May 3.

Results of tonight's Association Football matches were:

Division Two

Doncaster R 0 Middlesbrough 1.
Rotherham U 2 Swansea Town 3.

Division Three South

Leyton Orient 1 Ipswich Town 2.
Walsall 1 Brentford 2.

Division Three North

Hartlepools U 0 Accrington S 0.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 12th (Whitsun) Race Meeting 1955/56 to be held on Saturday 19th and Monday 21st May, 1956, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 8th May, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice to Members Australian Subscription Ponies 1957

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1957 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

The Subscription List will close at NOON on Thursday, 31st, May, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 18. Orders by Brigadier L. T. Ride, CBE, ED. Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated May 1, 1956.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Int Platoon.—Tuesday May 8, 1956—Parade MPG 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti. Recce Platoon.—Thursday May 10, 1956 — Radio Ops Course. Weapon Trg Course. Parade MPG 5.30 p.m. for tpt to HQ RHKDF. Dress: Overalls.

Light Troop.—Friday May 11, 1956—Gun Drill. Parade MPG 5.30 p.m. for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Overalls

C & R Troop.—Monday May 7, 1956—Parade MPG 5.15 p.m. for SOC. Dress: Mufti.

THE H.K. REGIMENT

Training.—'A' Coy—Tuesday, May 8—LMG 15, Sten MC 1 & 2, Rifle 22, RV MPG for RHQ 2 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, OG Shirts, Boots, Gaiters, Blue Beret, Belt, Pouches. 'B' Coy —Monday May 7—Half Day Trg. RV MPG for RHQ 1.30 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, OG Shirts, Blue Beret, Boots, Gaiters, Weapons Trg Order. 'C' Coy—No parades. 'D' Coy—No parades. Trg Pl—Friday May 11—Arms Drill, WT. RV MPG for RHQ 5.10 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, KD Shirt, Pouches, Belt, Blue Beret and Anklets. Carry rifle sling. Sp Coy —No parades. HQ Coy—Sig Pl—Thursday May 10—WT & Sigs Trg as per programme. RV MPG for RHQ 5.45 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Boots, Gaiters, Beret, Belt. MT Pl—Wednesday May 9—Carburettor, System & Components. RV RHQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Boots, Gaiters, Beret (Blue), Belt. Friday May 11—Learner Dvrs Instruction. RV RHQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Boots, Gaiters, Blue Beret, Belt. Tuesday May 15—Warning order—WT. RV MPG for RHQ 2 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, KD Shirt, Blue Beret, Boots, Gaiters, Belt. Int Sec — Thursday May 10 — Programme as ordered. RV MPG for RHQ 1.30 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, OG Shirts, Blue Beret, Boots, Gaiters, WT Order. Med Sec — As ordered by RMO. Band & Corps of Drums — Trg as ordered by Band President. HKR Late Trg Period—Monday May 7 — Those already detailed for the above parade will attend. RV MPG at 6.15 p.m. for RHQ. Trg starts at 6.30 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, OG Shirts, Blue Beret, Boots, Gaiters, WT Order.

HOME GUARD

Training.—Thursday May 10, 1956—Judging Distance, Bracketing & Key Ranges. Parade MPG 5.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Beret, Belt.

H.K. AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Rifle Shoot.—A practice Rifle Shoot will be held at Kai Tak 'B' Range on Sunday May 20 at 9 a.m. Transport will leave Salisbury Road at 8.30 a.m. Members wishing to take part are to submit their names to the Orderly Room, HQ HKAAF by Saturday May 12, 1956.

Trade Training.—Auxiliary Police—Tuesday May 8—All personnel—No. 34 Police District—5.30 p.m. Transport leaves MPG at 5.20 p.m. Equipment section—Saturday May 5—As detailed — HKAAF Hangar — 2 p.m. Sunday May 6—As detailed—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Tuesday May 8—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Clerks P.A. — Thursday May 10—All personnel—RHKDF—5.15 p.m. Transport leaves RHKDF at 7.15 p.m. Clerks G.D.—Tuesday May 8—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. A.T.C. Section—Saturday May 5 — As detailed — Kai Tak Tower—12 noon. Sunday May 6 — As detailed — Kai Tak Tower — 8 a.m. Nursing Section — Wednesday May 9—All personnel—SSQ, RAF Kai Tak—9 a.m. (Half Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. C & R Element — Sunday May 6 — 1 Controller from 'A' Team — SOC — 9 a.m. (Full Day).—'A' Team—117 S.U. — 1 p.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves MPG at 9 a.m. Tuesday May 8—Fighter Plotters—SOC—5.30 p.m. Friday May 11—Rad. Operators—MPG — 5.30 p.m. — Fighter Controllers — SOC—5.30 p.m. M.T. Section—Tuesday May 8 — As detailed — RAF Kai Tak—9 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Friday May 11—As detailed—RAF Kai Tak—9 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Wireless Operators (Advanced) — Tuesday May 8—All personnel—Murray Barracks—7.30 p.m. Wireless Operators (Elementary) — Tuesday May 8—All personnel—Murray Barracks—5.30 p.m. Friday May 11—All personnel — Murray Barracks — 5.30 p.m.

Flying Training. — Saturday and Sunday May 5 and 6—As detailed by O.C. Flying Squadron. Thursday May 10—All pilots—MPG—6 p.m.

H.K. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ARMY CORPS

Training.—Thursday May 10—First Aid: Personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Uniform. Friday May 11—Sig: Personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQLF. Dress: Uniform.

(Sgd.) G. H. Calvert, Major,
for Commandant, RHKDF.

DAVIS CUP

CANADA TAKES 2-0 LEAD

Port of Spain, May 3.

Canada led the British Caribbean area two matches to nothing at the end of the first day of Davis Cup tennis play here today.

Robert Bedard beat Peter Phillips 6-1, 6-1, 6-4 and Don Fontana beat the West Indies' No. 1 player, Ian MacDonald, 7-5, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.—United Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ELEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 28th April and Saturday, 5th May, 1956.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

THE 1955 SETS OF MEMBERS BADGES AND LADIES BROOCHES ARE VALID UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT RACING SEASON.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at $10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be $3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at $20.00 each for the second day may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
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Hongkong, May 4, 1956

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WORLD'S SMALLEST REPUBLIC IN SWEDEN

Forest Community With 40 Citizens

Stockholm, May 3.

Tucked away in northern Sweden is the smallest republic in the world, although the only recognition it has had so far from the King and the country is a smile.

Named Aasen-Holmen, after the two stretches of forest land which constitute its territory, this Republic today counts 40 citizens. Its president is Valfridus Gustavi, a 70-year-old gentleman farmer.

The Republic, 40 acres in area, was founded after World War I by a group of local farmers who happened to read an article in an agricultural magazine describing the Versailles Treaty.

The farmers decided that, if statesmen could carve out territories and found Republics, so could they. So they merged their lands and drew up a constitution.

Frontiers Patrolled

Today, Aasen-Holmen has its own Cabinet, including a Minister of Foreign Affairs, a Minister of Finance, a Minister of the Interior and a Chief of the Admiralty. The latter supervises the lake which forms part of the territory.

The frontiers are "patrolled" by uniformed soldiers and visitors are informed by notices in six different languages that they may not enter without a special passport signed by the President.

Any visitor crossing the frontier illegally will find the uniformed patrols slow to react. Aasen-Holmen has a manpower shortage. So its frontier guards are dummy soldiers made of wood.

The members of the Cabinet, who include an artist, a market gardener, a lawyer and a farmer, meet once a month in the President's Palace, a manor house.

At these meetings, they wear formal clothes consisting of frock coats, top hats—and false beards. Many also carry the "Order of the Louse," Aasen-Holmen's highest distinction, awarded only to citizens of outstanding merit.

Special Dishes

At their Cabinet meetings, members speak a special language which, they maintain, is the original language of the territory. Visitors describe it as a mixture of Swedish and dog Latin.

After the meeting, the Ministers eat special dishes concocted by the President and wash them down with a potent red currant brew of which only the President knows the recipe.

Once a year all the citizens of the Republic meet for the national festival. There is eating, dancing and singing and a procession through a ceremonial alley of wooden figures carved by the Foreign Minister. These wooden figures carry slogans to encourage the citizens on their way through life.

Typical slogans are: "You are lucky often and unlucky seldom." "The more you strive, the more you will realise that your deserts will be small."

The figures range from surrealistic effigies to a lifesize model of a beautiful lady. She is called the "Lady of the Woods." Aasen-Holmen mythology says that she dwells in the depths of the woods and lures men to their destruction. Young men fall in love with her beauty, plunge into the forest to win her and never return.

President Immune

The 70-year-old President Valfridus, is, however, immune. He has learned through the years how to hold converse with her without being lured deeper and deper into the wood where the Spirit of Destruction lurks. Indeed, Valfridus has been recorded in the national chronicles as saying, "She is just a nice girl with problems of her own."

A few years ago, Valfridus wrote to Sweden's Premier, Mr Tage Erlander, and asked him to respect the frontiers of Aasen-Holmen.

The President proclaimed at the same time that Swedish tax collectors would be shot on sight and left unburied if they dared to cross the border and enter Republican territory.

Report has it that good natured Mr Erlander drafted a reply but some one forgot to post it. Or maybe one of the Aasen-Holmen frontier guards intercepted it and dared not deliver it to Valfridus lest war should break out between the two states.

Fortunately, the tax collectors are able to collect their levies in the Republic and relations between Aasen-Holmen and Sweden have continued peaceful.

Aasen-Holmen lies in the north Swedish province of Varmland, or perhaps one should say, is bounded by the north Swedish province of Varmland. Nowadays it has a population problem.

In the early days of the Republic, young people were happy to join in its merry life, but now they are attracted by the bright lights and city cinemas of the land over the border. Many have, therefore, emigrated to Sweden.

The remaining citizens are growing old and will doubtless constitute a social problem for Aasen-Holmen's rulers one day.

More Sophisticated

Indeed, Valfridus himself is afraid that no successor will be forthcoming to carry on the Republic's traditions when he has passed away.

In an audience, which he granted to a foreign journalist recently, he lamented. "The Varmland character is getting more sophisticated and worldly. We are losing our sense of mischief, phantasy, and playfulness."—China Mail Special.

Cairo, May 3.

The Prosecutor's Office announced today that 77 Jews accused of forging birth certificates to enable Zionists to leave Egypt will be tried in Cairo criminal court on May 14.—United Press.

Quai D'Orsay Reception

A reception was held recently at the Quai d'Orsay, Paris, for Italy's President Gronchi. He is pictured centre chatting with Monsignor Larella, the Papal Nuncio, while France's President Coty, right, looks on. Express Photo.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

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FRIDAY, MAY 4
By Air

Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 5
By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, Noon.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Jamaica, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, India, Pakistan (P. India, Parcels via Karachi), 3 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 4 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6
By Air

Philippines, 4 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 7
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Italy, France (Netherland Parcels direct), 11 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Dunlop Dividend Unchanged

London, May 3.

Dunlop Rubber Co. reports 1955 group trading returns of £18,508,519 compared with £17,717,914 in 1954, group net profit is £5,057,560 compared with £4,858,500.

Final dividend for the year is 10 per cent, making a total of 14 per cent, unchanged.

The shares fell 7½ pence to 22s 9d, from disappointment with the unchanged dividend.—United Press.

Pedigree Puppy Prices Soar In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 3.

Pedigree puppy prices are soaring here as more Japanese recognise the virtue of owning a pet capable of protecting the house from thieves and also likely to earn extra cash by winning a championship.

Mr Tamotsu Sakamoto, Director-General of the Japanese Kennel Club says that dogs have not always enjoyed such popularity here. During World War II it was considered a crime to keep a dog and patriotic Japanese were urged to turn their pets into hides as their contribution to the war effort.

SMALL MARGIN

The only breed to emerge unscathed from this wholesale purge, according to Mr Sakamoto, was the German sheep dog, which was used as a war dog and drew army rations.

The nucleus of a new line of pedigree dogs began when men in the Occupation forces brought their dogs with them.

Mr Sakamoto estimates that there are more than 2,500,000 dogs registered with the police throughout Japan. Of these only some 6 per cent or about 150,000 qualify as purebreds. The majority of them comprise the perennial German sheep dog and Japanese native breeds. This leaves only a small margin for the many other types popular in the West.

According to Mr Sakutaro Suzuki, a director of the Japanese Kennel Club, the professional breeders are unable to obtain the foreign exchange needed to import stud dogs. The only ones at present entering the country are brought in by individual fanciers.

FIRST PLACE

The actual number of recognised breeds in Japan is not accurately known. Only 50 of the 130 species listed by the British and American Kennel Clubs were exhibited at the last dog show here.

Occupying first place in popularity is the German Shepherd followed by the Japanese Spaniel and then the Spitz.

Twelve clubs have been established in Japan for individual breeds — the Spitz, Boxer, Collie, Poodle, Spaniel, Doberman, German Sheepdog, Japanese Spaniel, Pomeranian, Great Dane, Akita (Japanese fighting dog), and All Terrier. The last includes all known breeds of terriers.

AMATEURS

Both Mr Sakamoto and Mr Suzuki deplored the present system used for registering pedigree pups on the grounds that too many organisations are involved. Under this system, one dog is able to possess more than one pedigree and kennel owners have often been deceived because many of the so-called aristocrats have turned out to be mongrels.

Breeding, too, is nearly all in the hands of amateurs in the absence of sufficient professional kennelmen. Many pedigree dogs are being ruined through careless cross breeding.

Credit for the rehabilitation of pedigree dogs in Japan is given to Mr Tanzan Ishibashi, Minister of International Trade and Industry. It was he who founded the Japanese Kennel Club in 1946 and is now its chairman. The club has more than 10,000 registered members and 50 branches throughout Japan. Dog shows are held twice a year.

Regulations governing the ownership of dogs are very strict in Japan. All dogs have to be inoculated for rabies and the International system of tattooing the ear with an identification number is soon to begin.

Stray dogs are periodically rounded up and delivered to the dog pound. Many are used by hospitals for vivisection purposes although a branch of the anti-vivisection league has been formed to try to stop the practice of using dogs and cats for medical research.

TWO WEEKS

Should dog owners change their place of residence their pets must be re-inoculated before being allowed to board the train.

Rules covering the entry of dogs to Japan are slightly easier provided that the owner has conformed to international quarantine regulations. The period of detention at the port of entry is two weeks.—China Mail Special.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.05, Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio); 6.30, Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas (Studio); 7, Music from the Ballet "Pineapple Poll" (Sullivan) Sadler's Wells Orchestra cond. by Charles Mackerras; 7.30, "Jazz Half Hour" presented by Robert Acheson (Studio); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.00, Appeal on Behalf of the Netherseal Hospital by the Hon. B. C. Hawkins, C.M.G., O.B.E. (Recorded); 8.15, Movie Magazine, Compiled and presented by David Lyttle (Studio); 8.45, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (London Relay); 9, Time Signal, Music Lovers' Hour—Classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekker; 10, U.S. Air Force Symphonic Band cond. by Colonel George S. Howard with the Singing Sergeants. Introduced by Robert Scott with Interviews by John Wallace (Broadcast from the Loo Theatre); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls the Tune, 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Strike Up the Band; 4, Romances of the World—The Story of Desiree, Queen of Sweden; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Sammy Kaye Show; 5, Children's Corner—The House at Pooh Corner—Episode 3—"The Search for Small"; 5.30, Friday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.25, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Record Parade; 7, Personality Parade—Danny Kaye; 7.15, Track Talk—Tips for tomorrow's races; 7.30, Coke Time; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Appeal on behalf of the Netherseal Hospital by the Hon. B. C. Hawkins, C.M.G., O.B.E. (Recorded); 8.15, Weather Report and Announcements; 8.17, Melachrino Musicale; 8.32, Music for You—Played by Louis Voss and the International Theatre Orchestra; 9, Symphony Hall—"Sonata in one movement, Opus 144, for four hands, Symphony No. 4 in C"; 10, Rediffusion Spotlight—Interview with Hollywood Film Director Mr William A. Seiter, and Mrs Seiter, Former Film Star Marian Nixon; 10.15, Organ Harmonies—with Master Chauvin at the Organ; 10.30, Entertaining Artistes; 11, Date with Dreamland; 11.30, Prayers for Midnight; 12 midnight, "God Save the Queen." Close Down.

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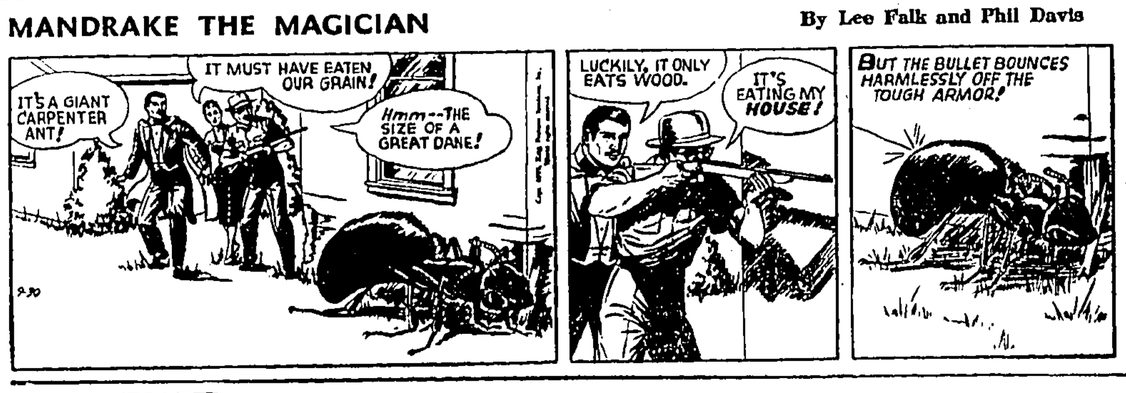
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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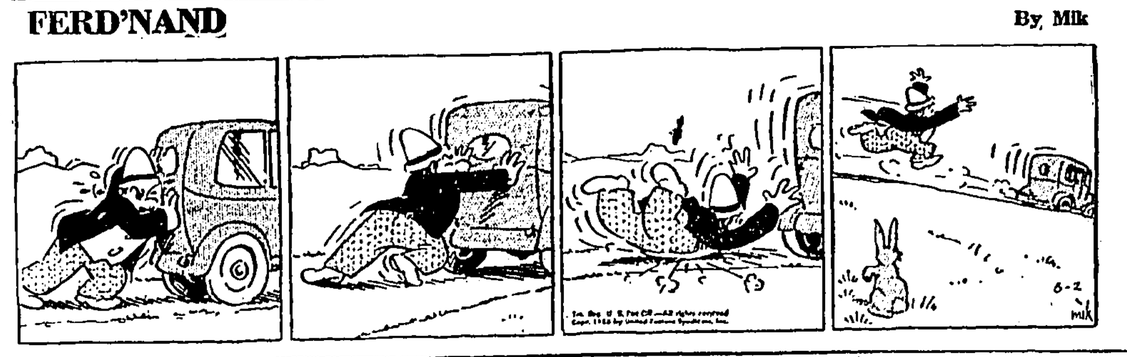

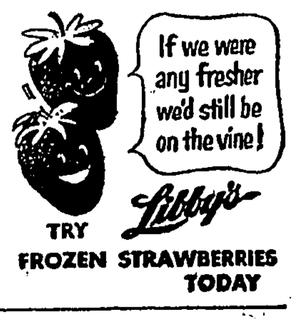

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES MARK UP NEW GAINS

BIG DEMAND FOR WHEELOCKS

By A Special Correspondent

With the market dull but forging quietly upwards, the spotlight turned on to Wheelock Mardens this week and with speculators active the share put on another 15 cents to carry it to $8.85 at the close of business yesterday.

More than 115,000 shares have changed hands in the last three weeks and the price has risen by 60 cents since April 12.

This week's activity is illustrated by the turnover of almost 50,000 shares, the highest in the last three weeks. The price has been hovering around $8.85 and $8.90 and if interest continues next week and it is likely that it will it should pass $9

The Chairman of the company, Mr G. E. Marden left the Colony yesterday for a short visit to Japan. His trip has touched off speculation in the market—but apart from frank guesses that "it is to do with the Japanese loans" little is known about the reason for it.

The Company this morning described it as "ordinary business"

The visit will only be a short one—for I understand that Mr Marden will be leaving for the United Kingdom later this month.

Amalgamated Active

Another share that has been active this week was Amalgamated Rubber. More than 105,000 shares changed hands, and the price fluctuated between $1.475, $1.35 and $1.425. Last week the turnover in this share was 120,000.

The rubber market has been fairly quiet and closed slightly higher on the week. There was one particularly heavy day of selling, following uncertainty on the Singapore market, when 90,000 Amalgamateds were sold and the price fell to the week's low of $1.35

Outside of this activity the market has been fairly quiet. Price changes have been small—as the adjoining panel shows—and the volume of business has again been light—$3.31 million against $3.59 million the previous week and $3.17 million the week before.

On the week, 16 issues are higher, six lower and seven steady on the week.

Utilities Higher

The undertone has kept very steady. I understand that scrip has been short at times which has helped Utilities. All with the exception of Yaumatis show small rises.

Buying rates for Star Ferry advanced $2 this week. This may have something to do with wishful thinking in the market about Government's attitude to the tunnel project.

I learn the report is due very shortly but I have not heard (nor, I believe, have those most interested heard) what the expert committee's recommendation is to be.

Yaumatis have kept quietly steady at $103 — 700 shares changed hands yesterday.

Wharves' Gain

Wharves put on another $2 this week to close at $80 buyers (unsatisfied). This means it has risen $6.50 in three weeks. Reasons for the rise are, as I mentioned last week, the better than expected balance sheet and the recovery in the company's position which the figures indicate.

Apparently some think the company stands to get most of the Canton trade coming to the Colony via train if a through service is arranged.

But even if this is so, brokers do not think this trade will amount to very much.

Wharves scrip has been scarce this week—this has also given the share support.

Cement has made another small gain this week. Dairy Farm is also fractionally higher.

The textile section did not do so well and both Textile Corporation and Nanyang are slightly lower.

The Prospects

This concludes the week's report. The prospects are that the market will continue along on its present course showing small rises on small turnovers. Higher yielding shares—among them, Wheelocks—should continue to attract attention even when the speculative interest wanes though profit-taking can be expected.

It is not a bright prospect—compared with the meteoric rise the market was making at this time last year under the influx of immigrant money from Southeast Asia—but if the trend continues upward, shareholders will have little to complain about.

Here is a diary of the week's market movements:

Friday:	Quiet conditions, steady undertone T/O $520,000.
Monday:	Steady with a few fractional gains T/O $590,000.
Tuesday:	Signs of better sentiment Prices firmer T/O $610,000.
Wednesday:	No material change Prices steady. T/O $610,000.
Thursday:	Prices steady No special feature T/O $980,000

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr. 26	May 3	Up or down
HK Bank	1660	1085	1080	1675m	1670	—$5
Lombard	56½b	58½b	59n	60	60	steady
Union	970n	980b	990	990b	990	steady
Underwriters	8.90b	9n	9n	9n	9n	steady
Union W'boat	17½b	19	19b	20.10b	20.50n	+40c
Wheelocks	8.35	8.30	8.45	8.70	8.85	+15c
HK Wharf	73b	71½xd	76	78	80b	+$2
HK Dock	34¼	36½	36¼	37¼	37¾	+50c
Provident	13.20b	13.70	13.80	14	13.80	—20c
HK Hotels	14.20	13.00	13.80	13.80b	13.80	steady
HK Land	61	61½	61½	62½	63½	+$1
Humphreys	17.60s	17½s	17½s	17.40s	17.40s	steady
HK Realty	1.45n	1.475	1.425b	1.475	1.50	+2½c
HK Trams	22.80	22.60	22.50	22.60	22.80	+20c
Star Ferry	135n	130b	131n	130b	132b	+$2
Yaumatis	103	101	101	103	103	steady
Ch Lights (o)	22	22.20	22.40	22.60	22.80	+20c
Ch Lights (n)	19¼	19.40	19.70b	19.70	19.90	+20c
Electric	29.80	30	29.70b	30¼	31	+75c
HK Telephone	22.60	22.90	22.60b	22.75m	23	+25c
G.I. Cement	34	34	33½	35	35¼	+25c
Dairy Farm	17.10	15.70xd	16.10b	16.20	16.30	+10c
A.S. Watson	11.20	11.20	11.10	11.20	11	—20c
Lane Crawford	34n	34n	34n	34n	34n	steady
Yangtsze	6.50	6.50	6½	6.60	6.75	+15c
Allied	5.10	5.10	5.15n	5.40	5.45	+5c
HK & FE Inv	11.10m	11.30s	11.30s	11.20s	11	—20c
Textile Corp	5.25b	5.25	5.25b	5.45	5.40b	—5c
Nanyang	7.40b	7½b	7.80	8s	7.80s	—20c

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $590,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1665	1675	100 @ 1670
East Asia	230		
INSURANCES			
Union XD	970		12 @ 972½
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.	1.20		1500 @ 1.22½
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	80½	82	75 @ 81
Dock	37¾		100 @ 38
Provident (Old)	13.80	13.90	
Wheelock	8.85	8.90	2800 @ 8.85
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	13.80	13.90	5500 @ 13.80
HK Land	63½	64	1200 @ 63½
S'hai Land	50c		1000 @ 50c
Humphreys		17.40	
Realty	1.47½	1.50	
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	1.42½	1.45	15,000 @ 1.42½
Trust			6500 @ 1.75
UTILITIES			
Tram	22.70	22.90	600 @ 22.80
Star Ferry	132		
Y'mati Ferry	102	104	202 @ 103
C. Light (O) XD	22.60	22.80	
C. Light (N) XD	19.90	20.20	300 @ 19.90
Electric	30¾	31	
Rts.	19.80	20.10	1434 @ 20
Telephone	22.80	23	650 @ 22.90
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	35	35½	3100 @ 35¼
Rope		14.30	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16.10	16.30	2500 @ 16.20
Watson	10.80	10.90	100 @ 11
			620 @ 10.90
COTTONS			
Textiles	5.40	5.45	
Nanyang		7.40	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	6.65	6.80	1600 @ 6.70
Allied	5.40	5½	
H.K. & F.E. Invest		11.20	500 @ 11

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, May 4.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.50
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	40/6
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	28/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$1.67
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref	$3.70
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$800
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.70
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	0.77
Malayan Breweries	$3.20
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.00
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$3.52*
Raffles Hotel	$2.35
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.40
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$20.50
Straits Trading	$24.75†
Straits Steamship	$11.50
United Engineers Ord.	$7.00
Wearne Bros.	$2.75

* xd † ex-all.—China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.84
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.03
Australian notes (per £1)	13.04
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	18.40
Siam tical (per 100)	26.30
Singapore (Straits)	1.88

Wall Street Stocks Restore Losses

New York, May 3.

Stocks restored the loss in valuations of the past two sessions in an advance paced steadily by rail shares today.

Rails ran up gains ranging to more than 3 points to lift their average to new high since October 11, 1929.

Motor, aircraft, chemical and oil stocks paced industrials which added $1.25 on average.

Trading volume totalled 2,640,000 shares compared with 2,440,000 yesterday.

Out of a total 1,203 issues traded, 585 were higher, 396 lower

The market was declining in the previous several sessions. Today's recovery was helped by several favourable developments including optimistic statements by the Secretaries of Commerce and Labour who hinted at easier money, by a giant Armed Forces appropriation coming out of the House Appropriation Committee and by the continued flow of favourable earnings and dividend news.

Rails were given an added lift by report of record freight loadings. Gains in the rails ranged to 3 points or more in Louisville.

Chrysler touched a new low at $66½, off nearly a point early in the session but moved up later in the day.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $4,420,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 1,350,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	514.03
20 rails	178.01
15 utilities	65.48
65 stocks	182.07
40 bonds	96.65
Comm. future price index	154.33
Comm. spot price index	163.44
Moody's index	418.10

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$ 20¼
Allied Chemicals	120¼
Allied Mills Inc.	33
Allis Chalmers	67½
American Airline	23¾
American Cable & Radio Corp.	6¼
American Cyanamide Co.	74¼
Am. Mach. & F'dry	31½
American Metal	60½
American Smelting	50
American Tel. & Tel.	182
American Tob. "B"	83
Anaconda Copper	79½
Armco Steel	57½
Armour	23
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	13¾
Baltimore & Ohio	51½
Bendix Aviation Corp.	61½
Benguet Cons.	2¼
Bethlehem Steel	161½
Boeing Airplane	88½
Borden (The) Co.	62
Burroughs Add Machine	39¼
Canadian Pacific R.	33½
Case (J. I.) Co.	13
Cat. Tractor	74¼
Celanese Corp	16½
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	44½
Chase Manhat. Bank	49½
Chrysler Motors	66½
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	50
Commercial Credit	49½
Commonwealth Elec.	41¼
Consolidated Edison	47½
Continental Oil of Del.	119¼
Crane Co.	40½
Crown Zellerbach	60½
Cuban Amer. Sugar	16½
Diamond Alkali	56¼
Dow Chemicals	68½
Dupont de Nemours	222
Eastman Kodak	93¾
El Paso National Gas	60¼
Erie Railroad	22½
Family Finance Corp.	27¼
General Electric	61½
General Foods	98
General Motors	44½
Gen. Pub. Util.	36½
Glidden Co.	36½
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	85¼
Goodyear Tire	73
Heyden Chemical	18
Homestake Mining Co.	35½
Ingersoll-Rand	87¼
Inland Steel Co.	63
Int'l Business Machines	535
Int'l Harvester	34¾
International Nickel	94¾
International Paper	144
Int'l Tel & Tel	34⅞
John-Manville Co.	90
Kansas C. Power & Light	38¾
Kennecott Copper	133¾
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	69⅞
Lockheed Aircraft	49¾
Loews Incorp.	21¼
Lone Star Cement Co.	78¼
Louisville & Nashville R.	102½
Lowenstein & Sons.	23⅝
Merabi Iron Corp.	53½
Minnesota Mining	138¾
Montgomery Ward	92¼
Motorola Inc.	46½
National Cash Reg. "A"	44⅝
National Dairy Prod.	39¼
National Lead	101½
National Steel Corp.	75½
New York Central	44¼
Olin Mathieson	56⅜
Otis Elevators	45¾
Owen-Illinois Glass	73⅞
Pacific Gas & Elec.	52
Pacific Western Oil	50
Pan American Airways	19
Paramount Pictures	33¾
Parke Davis Co.	65¾
Penny J.C. Co.	90
Penn. Salt Co.	52
Philip Morris	45½
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	90
Publicker Industries	10½
Pure Oil	48¼
Radio Corporation	45¾
Republic Steel	47¾
Reynolds Metal	80⅝
Shell Oil Co.	83
Saint Reg. Paper	55
Socony Mobiloil	67¾
South Puerto Rico Sugar	27⅝
Standard Brands	42
Standard Oil of Cal.	110½
Standard Oil of Ind.	61½
Standard Oil of N.J.	60¾
Sterling Drug Co.	57⅞
Stokely-Van Camp.	10¼
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	8¼
Swift & Co.	40¾
Texas Co.	137½
Tide Water Assn. Oil	47
Twenty Century Fox Film	28⅞
Union Carbide	127¼
Union Pacific Railway	186⅞
United Aircraft	70
U.S. Gypsum	66½
U. S. Line Co.	20⅞
U.S. Rubber	56
U.S. Smelting	62⅝
U.S. Steel	61⅝
Warner Bros.	23⅝
Westinghouse Electric	58
West Va. Pulp & Paper	59½
Woolworth	48⅝

—United Press.

London Market Irregular

London, May 3.

Stocks on the London Exchange closed irregular today after support dried up on an initial extension of yesterday's advance.

Industrials advanced, but movement was generally restricted to individual issues. Dunlop Rubber declined on an unchanged dividend announcement. Rolls-Royce and Unilever moved higher.

Oils finished slightly lower. Dollar stocks were mixed.

Favourable gold and dollar reserve figures for the end of April stimulated early buying of British Government bonds, but support slackened in the afternoon.

A steadier trend in price helped firm the coppers.

In the foreign bond market German lions eased on lack of Continental support. — United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, May 3.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures closed today 5 to 15 points higher with sales of 126 contracts.

The standard contract closed 10 to 20 points higher with no sales reported.

Apart from exchanges of contracts for physical rubber, which made up just about half of the entire turnover, the terminal market lacked a special feature.

Shipment offerings were less plentiful than recently but continued to be held at prices unattracted to local buyers.

Factory business remained slack in delivered rubber, with spot No. 1 Rss quoted nominally at 30⅝ cents a pound. Futures:

No. 1 Rss

May	30.00
July	30.30-35
Sept.	30.10
Dec.	29.75

Standard contract

May	30.00
July	30.25
Sept.	30.00
Dec.	29.70
Mar.	29.20
May	28.60

SINGAPORE

With conflicting reports about plantation labour situation there was less buying enthusiasm today, and with overseas orders generally below this market prices sagged after a steady opening. There was however, no particular pressure.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May	87¾-88
	June	87¾-88
	July	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	May	86¼-86¾
No. 3		85½-86½
No. 4		83½-83¾
Spot rubber unbaled		87¾-88
Blanket crepe		81-83
No. 1 pale crepe		107-109

LONDON

The market was very quiet with spot quoted at 26 1/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	26-26⅛
Settlement house term:	
June	25⅞-25¾
July/Sept.	25⅛-25⅜
Oct./Dec.	24¾-24⅞
Jan./Mar.	24⅜-24⅞
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
May	25½-25⅝
June	25½-25¾
July	25½-25¾

Estate crepe unquoted.

AMSTERDAM

The quotation was unchanged since yesterday. It was quiet.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 3.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point lower with sales of 34 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 146 contracts.

Both markets again ruled quiet as traders awaited developments in raws and a pick-up in consumer buying. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July	3.30
Sept.	3.37
Oct.	3.37
Mar.	3.31
May	3.31
July	3.31
Sept.	3.31
Spot-cents per lb. fob Cuba	3.20

Contract No. 6

July	5.87
Sept.	5.90
Nov.	5.81
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.87

—United Press.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, May 3.

Cotton futures trading today flattened out following a short-lived buying spurt at the opening.

Initial gains up to $1.55 were cut in half until just before the close when prices steadied again on day trader covering.

Final range was 2 lower to 21 higher. Opening prices were up 1 to 31 points. New Orleans closed up 9 to 19 points.

Two factors generating the initial demand were: 1. Overnight strength at Liverpool; 2. News of small sales at higher prices out of the Government's surplus stock.

In the first round of bidding in the new programme to push cotton exports, the Department of Agriculture sold 10,487 bales on bid submitted last week. Average price was 27.90 cents a pound, basis middling 15/16 inch at average locations.

The price was about two cents higher than generally expected, with some technicians recalling that under the last sale programme in January when 1,000,000 bales were sold out of the surplus, the final sale was made at 25.60 cents a pound.

The Liverpool market, which had the first opportunity to act on the overnight sale news, scored gains of 45 to 65 English points.

After the first buying spurt was satisfied, market interest flattened out with more speculative accounts transferring attention to the faster-moving markets like soybeans and vegetable oils.

May contracts see-sawed narrowly. One additional delivery notice for 100 bales appeared today. Open interest in May totalled 120,600 bales. The certificated stock rose 770 bales to 12,604 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
May	10,400	120,700
July	24,900	288,900
Oct.	9,500	309,200
Dec.	9,700	422,600
Mar.	3,300	129,300
May	7,000	179,800
July	600	100,700
Oct.	100	7,300
Total	65,100	1,563,600 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	36.70n
May	35.93
July	33.85
October	32.44-45
December	32.60
March	32.53
May	32.57
July	31.83
October	30.92

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.40
May	35.95
July	33.87
October	32.42-43
December	42.50
March	32.59
May	32.54
July	31.83
October	30.85

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
May/June	28.10
July/Aug.	25.40
New contract	
May/June	30.30
July/Aug.	27.03
Oct./Nov.	26.15
Dec./Jan.	25.95
Mar/Aug.	25.85
Egyptian Karnak	
May/June	56.50

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiro per kilo were as follows:

May	31.60
July	33.50
Oct.	35.00
Dec.	35.70
Mar.	35.80

In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 35.44 cents. Sales totalled 11,074 bales.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, May 3.

New York	2.80-13/16-2.80⅞
Montreal	2.79¼-2.79-5/16
Amsterdam	10.67¾-10.67½
Brussels	139.72½-139.75
Copenhagen	19.30½-19.30½
Frankfurt	11.73½-11.73¾
Lisbon	80.15-80.25
Stockholm	14.50¼-14.50½

Others were unchanged

New York foreign exchange rates were unavailable.—United Press.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SHOWS A PROFIT

London, May 3.

For the first year since its birth in 1947, the Colonial Development Corporation has reported an operating profit.

The figure—for 1955—is £113,165.

But it also announced a "special losses" account of £8,020,441—of which £6,269,468 was for "pre-1951 commitments rashly undertaken, badly managed, or abandoned wholly or in part."

Mr Hubert Nutcombe Hume, deputy chairman of the corporation said the most important fact in the report was the emergence from the red.

63 Projects

"This enterprise," he said, "is now beginning to gain, which is a frightfully important happening from the point of view of the Government, the colonies, and the corporation."

He added: "The quality and the experience of the management has now reached a point where it is able to select the right investments and to see that they are managed and operated in a way which is profitable."

The annual report deals with 63 projects (including 10 new ones begun last year) in East and West Africa, the Caribbean, the Far East, Central Africa, and High Commission territories (Bechuanaland, Swaziland, and Basutoland).

It tells of the corporation's interest in mining, roadworks, housing, tobacco, cement, timber, cocoa, and other developments.

It speaks of the establishment in 1949 of a Falkland Islands meat freezing works as "a sorry story, now an abandoned project."

It says: "There was gross under-estimating, with inefficiency and delays in construction, and it was clear in 1954 that the freezer could not operate."

Doubtful

Doubtful projects that remain from the early days should mostly pull through "with good management and reasonable luck."

Last words from Mr Hume: "Next year we hope to give you a happier report still."—London Express Service.

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"CANTON"	18th July	20th August

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
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"CARTHAGE"	29th June	31st July
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He Was At Sea Ashore

I OFTEN think that of all men the Chief Stewards of liners are most to be envied. On duty they strut, braided as admirals, vested with authority and perquisites to match. Ashore, they act as if they could perfectly well afford to charter the floating hotels in which they serve, should a whim ever incline them that way.

Carl had a foot on the ladder that leads to those giddy heights. He occupied, to be sure, a low rung on the ladder - only one ring of gold circled the shoulder-tabs of his navy-blue battle-dress top. But youth was on his side—he was in his early twenties—and his surname, a Scandinavian one, suggested the sea was in his blood. He might have gone far, but instead . . .

THE DRESS

CARL came into the Clerkenwell courtroom with a convincing nautical roll, and swung up the steps of the dock as nimbly as if it had been a familiar companionway.

His peaked cap was firmly tucked under his crooked left arm, and there was a wide grin on his chubby, pleasant face. He might have been on his way to the bridge to receive a compliment from his captain.

"You are charged," said the learned clerk, "with stealing a lady's green dress, valued at £3 10s. from a van parked in the street in the early hours of this morning."

"Guilty," Carl said, and his smile spread as he answered.

SMILE UNIMPAIRED

A WEEK later, Carl returned. His smile was unimpaired. The doctor's report was handed to the magistrate, Mr E. G. Robey, who, when he had read it, turned again to the policeman. "What can you tell me about him?" he asked.

"There are seven previous convictions," the policeman said. "The last was for wandering abroad. He was discharged conditionally at Thames court, last July."

"Are there any convictions for dishonesty?"

"Yes, sir." The officer read out a selection. For stealing a bicycle Carl had been sent to Borstal; for stealing another put on probation. He had been discharged conditionally at Greenwich for stealing milk, and sent to prison at Weymouth for stealing a Post Office book.

HUNGRY

"DID he tell you why he stole this dress?" the magistrate asked.

"He said he was hungry," the policeman said. "He tells me that he can get jobs, but that he gets fed up, and just walks out on them."

The magistrate turned to Carl. "What do you want to say?" he asked.

"I'm sorry," Carl said. "I'm afraid I've made rather a fool of myself." A bashfully innocent smile rounded off the statement.

"You've done more than make a fool of yourself," said the magistrate. "Anything else you want to say?"

SOCIAL PROBLEM

"NOT very much. Except that I was hungry, and wanted a bit of extra money."

The magistrate flicked through the doctor's report. "Well, the doctors don't think you can be assisted," he said. "You're just a social, not a medical, problem, and must be treated as such. The sentence is six weeks."

"Right," said Carl, and turned and rolled away. It looked as though his career as assistant steward was ending. He did not look as though he cared. For a man given to suddenly walking out of jobs, a position ashore might be better than one at sea. Drier for one thing.

Memorable Concert By U.S. Band

The US Air Force Symphonic Band provided an evening of high good humour, charming informality and countless surprises at its first concert yesterday evening at the Lee Theatre (strictly speaking the second concert, the first being a performance for children in the afternoon).

It is, as the announcements have told us, a body of some 90 players, all sound musicians, with a fine discipline, an amazing flexibility and a spirit that would put heart into the most despondent. The conductor, Colonel George S. Howard, is a musician of quiet but genial temperament, and produces notable results from this splendid body of players. The balance and control were excellent.

The first part of the concert kept to the announced programme. The Overture to Wagner's "Tannhauser" is always an effective opening work, and was given with gusto. Most striking was the way in which all the quick, sweeping and running passages written by Wagner for violins and violas had been given to the woodwind, mainly the clarinets, who were untiring and precise.

Other symphonic works in the first half were the "Legend" by Creston, a highly evocative and filmic composition; "Rush Hour in Hongkong" by Chasins, a delightful trifle, but rarely dating back to the time when the "rush" was less hectic and more picturesque; and a rousing Russian dance, "Gopak," by the Soviet-Armenian composer Khatchaturian.

CLEAR "PATTER"

There were two soloists in this part of the programme: Sgt. Robert D Kerns, baritone, sang "Largo al Factotum" from Rossini's "Barber of Seville" with perfect control and a pleasing manner; his "patter" was very clear. Sgt. Joseph Sopranu played that most sociable of instruments, the accordeon, his solo being "Andalucia" by Lecuona.

The final item in the first half was a group of songs by "The Singing Sergeants" a body of some 20 singers conducted by Capt. Robert L. Landers. They sang five songs, unaccompanied, beginning with Palestrina's beautiful "Tenebrae Factae sunt." They then departed from the printed programme and gave us an even more welcome choice, including two Russian songs, "The Twelve Robbers," originally sung by the Don Cossack Choir, and an Orthodox chant, "Gospodi Pomilui" or "Lord have Mercy," an interesting example of emphasis by repetition. Each individual member of this group has a fine voice and the soloists were outstanding.

FIRST SURPRISE

After the interval came the first of several surprises. Col. Howard announced that his old friend Congressman Kearns from Pennsylvania happened to be in Hongkong, and as he also was an experienced musician, he invited him to conduct the band. The congressman accepted with grace and alacrity, and the Band played Wagner's Prelude to Act III of "Lohengrin," which we had recently heard performed also by the combined Police and Hussars' Bands. He received an ovation and an encore.

The tenor soloist followed, Sg. W. DuPres, who sang an aria from Puccini's "Turandot." He has indeed a remarkable voice and should make a fine career for himself as an operatic singer. The other soloist was Sgt. T. Morgan, who drew the most astonishing sounds from his harmonica, and quite captivated the audience. All the other soloists received one encore, but Sgt. Morgan had two!

The next surprise was a Japanese piece by a contemporary composer, a member of a Japanese orchestra. Colonel Howard told us that during the Band's recent visit to Japan, he had sponsored a competition for a short work written for symphonic band, and this was the one he had selected for publication. It is a Japanese dance, partly based on ancient Japanese music called "Bugaku." The scoring is thin, but the work is interesting and shows considerable possibilities for the further blending of Western and Oriental music styles.

HUMOROUS INTERVAL

Then came the humorous high spot of the evening—a work for typewriter solo and band; the performer on the typewriter gave out a rhythmic theme by tapping his keys and drawing back the carriage. He was accompanied on a small bell (the kind you hit with the palm of the hand to summon the office boy) by one of the regular percussion players. We must give a word of tribute to the four percussionists. The musician in charge of the big drum and single cymbal caused particular enjoyment to the audience, especially by his solo in the jazz session. Another notable feature of this band is the presence of several cellos and basses, and a harp.

The final items were a "Bit of American Jazz" during which the conductor disappeared and left the band undirected. This was a fascinating performance even to the purist in music. Sousa's "Stars and Stripes" march followed, and the last number was group of songs of the various Armed Forces, in which the Singing Sergeants joined with the Band.

We must not omit mentioning a special item featuring the clarinets (about 12 in number as far as I could count); they played, as one man, a short work entitled "Dizzy Fingers," and then Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Flight of the Bumble Bee."

This very fine band will be giving its last concert tonight, also at the Lee Theatre, in the Presence of H.E. the Governor and Lady Grantham. All the proceeds of both concerts will be given to the St John Ambulance Brigade.—X.X.

School Inspector

Miss Cecilia Cheng has been appointed to be an Inspector of Schools, it was announced in the Gazette this morning.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"After that fat tip my husband gave you, I hope you'll remember us if we're ever in Washington again!"

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Knife Attack On Man

At 10.30 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese male, Tsui Man, 37 years, residing at 1 Austin Road, cockloft, was injured when he was attacked by a man armed with a knife at 47 Shanghai Street, ground floor.

Tsui received cut wounds and was taken to hospital where he was treated and discharged.

Attempted Larceny

At 2.45 p.m. yesterday, a pickpocket attempted to steal cash from a handbag carried by a Chinese female passenger on board a tramcar at Des Voeux Road Central.

A Chinese male has been detained in connection with the case.

Thefts In Kowloon

Four cases of larceny from the person—all in Kowloon—were reported to the Police yesterday.

At 2.25 p.m. a Chinese female was arrested outside 608 Nathan Road for attempting to steal $74 from the handbag of another Chinese female pedestrian.

At 4.05 p.m. a Chinese male stole a wristlet watch from a Chinese female in Pitt Street near Nathan Road.

At 4.30 p.m. a Chinese male stole a wrist watch, valued $50 from a Chinese female, in Un Chau Street, near Tong King Street.

At 8 p.m. a Chinese male passenger on board a route No. 12 bus in Un Chau Street near Fuk Ling Street had a fountain pen stolen.

A Chinese male has been detained by the Police in connection with the theft.

Appointments To Leg. Co.

In accordance with instructions received from Her Majesty the Queen through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint the Hon T. L. Bowring, Dr the Hon K. C. Yeo and the Hon. D. R. Holmes to be Official Members of the Legislative Council until June 30, 1958, it was announced in the Government Gazette this morning. The Hon P. C. M. Sedgwick has been appointed an Official Member of the Council.

The Gazette also announced that Dr the Hon S. N. Chau, the Hon C. E. M. Terry, the Hon Lo Man-wai, the Hon Ngan Shing-kwan, the Hon Dhun J. Ruttonjee, the Hon C. Blaker, the Hon Kwok Chan and Dr the Hon A. M. Rodrigues have been re-appointed to be Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council until June 30, 1958.

The Sprague Leave

Mr W. Sprague, Assistant Director of Marine, sailed in the RMS Corfu for the United Kingdom at noon today on retirement after 27 years in government service. Mr Sprague was accompanied by his wife and daughter Jennifer.

Government Appointments

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings have been approved by His Excellency the Governor, it was notified in the Government Gazette this morning.

Mr Tse Chan-yau, Education Officer, to be Acting Senior Education Officer; Mr S. J. Hydes, Assistant Controller of Posts, to be Acting Assistant Controller of Posts; Mr Li Yun-gun, Superintendent of Mails, to be Acting Assistant Controller of Posts; Mr V. C. Bond, Senior Labour Inspector, to be Acting Labour Officer (Industrial Undertakings); Mr L. Hanbidge, Senior Labour Inspector, to be Acting Chief Labour Inspector; Mr W. F. Kerr, Deputy Accountant General, to be Acting Accountant General and concurrently Acting Custodian of Property and Custodian of Enemy Property; Mr J. A. C. Hurlbatt, Senior Executive Officer, Class 1, to be Acting Deputy Accountant General; Mr G. T. Rowe, Cadet Officer, Class II, ceased to be Commissioner, Essential Services Corps and Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service, and appointed to be Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretariat; and Mr D. R. W. Alexander, Cadet Officer, Class II, appointed to be Commissioner, Essential Services Corps and Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Services.

Board Of Review

Mr Leonardo Jose D'Almada Remedios has been appointed to be a Member of the panel of the Board of Review, it was announced in the Government Gazette this morning.

Deputy Chairman

Mr K. Keen has been appointed to act as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Examiners during the absence of Major H.F.G. Chauvin, it was announced in the Government Gazette this morning.

FATHER AND SON SUE MONEY-CHANGERS

Further evidence for the plaintiffs was given before Mr Justice J. Reynolds at the Supreme Court this morning in the action by a father and son against a money-changers firm involving the alleged failure to remit money to the son.

The plaintiffs are Kwan Sun-hoi and his son, Kwan Wing-tat, merchants, of 70 Ying To Street, Taikoktsui. They are seeking the return of $12,300 deposited with the Tai Wah Money-Changers of 300 Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Hastings and Co., is representing plaintiffs. Defendants, who claim they remitted the money to Kwan Wing-tat in China, are represented by Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Ford, Kwan and Co.

Further cross-examined this morning, Kwan Sun-hoi said that in the first half of 1950 his wife and son were in his native village of Lau Kwong, Hoiping District. About February or March 1950, he himself returned to the village, as he had not seen his wife for three or four years before that time.

It was quite easy for him to go to his village from Hongkong and come back, he said.

First plaintiff went on to say that he left Hongkong for Manila in May 1950. Later, on his return, he asked the Tai Wah Money-Changers, with whom he had already made the deposit, to remit $4,000 to his son in the country. He personally went to the Tai Wah for this purpose.

REQUESTED PROOF

In 1955, he went to the Tai Wah firm twice. These visits were within a week of each other. On the first occasion he asked the defendants what had happened to the money. They told him they had already remitted it to his son.

He asked them to produce proof of this, but he was told that they were unable to do so as it was so long ago that the monies were remitted.

Plaintiff said he went to the firm a second time in the hope that defendants would be able to find some record of the transactions, but they showed him nothing, not even the account books.

He denied Mr Cheung's suggestion that his version of what took place was not true.

Kwan Wing-tat then gave evidence. He said he had been in Hongkong since February 1, 1955. During the first half of 1950 he was in Hoiping District.

On May 2 that year he received a letter from his father in Hongkong, saying he had instructed the Tai Wah firm to remit $4,000 to him through the Wing Cheong firm, who acted as a sort of agent at the Lau Kwong Village.

Shown a specimen signature card, second plaintiff said he received such a card enclosed in his father's letter. He signed and chopped the card and had it sent back to the Tai Wah firm.

Kwan Wing-tat said this was done because there was a balance of $12,300 from his father in the defendant firm. Therefore, the purpose of his signing and putting his chop to the card was to enable him to draw money from the Tai Wah firm thereafter.

The information regarding the balance of $12,300 was given to him by his father.

About a year later, he continued, he left Hoiping District for Tientsin to study at a university. His father sent him some money there for his expenses. Two years later he went to Canton to continue his studies.

He remained there until he came to Hongkong in February 1955.

Kwan Wing-tat said that after receiving only one remittance of the money deposited by his father in the defendant firm in 1950, he never received any more remittances through the Tai Wah firm.

He did not write any letters to the defendant firm to ask for the remittances.

Hearing is proceeding.

Three Months For Earth Coolie

To Kam-tin, alias Ma Tin, a 26-year-old earth coolie, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr M. Morley-John at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to charges of possession of arms and dangerous drugs.

On May 2, a police party raided defendant's house at No. 6, Wanchai Road, first floor, where he was living with his wife in the middle cubicle. Two choppers, one fighting chain, a packet of heroin and two heroin pipes were found in the room.

Japanese To Be Repatriated

A 32-year-old Japanese who stowed away on board the ss Chusan during her voyage to Hongkong from Kobe, was cautioned and ordered to be expelled by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning.

Koichi Hayashi was found aboard the Chusan on April 27.

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Prosecuting officer SI Hurbart said that arrangements had already been made to have Koichi repatriated back to Japan on May 8.

Koichi will be remanded in Police custody until then.

Latest Contracts Awarded

The following particulars of contracts awarded have been published in the Government Gazette this morning:

Contracts for Supply of dry cells for hand torches awarded to Hop Lee Cheung Metal Company, for $16,200; Supply of leather, awarded to Wing Cheung Co. for $588 and Wo Cheung and Co. for $1,891.50; Supply of stopcocks and gate valves awarded to Choy Lee Lung Metal Factory, for $95,800: Supply of pebbles, awarded to Yau Wing Co. Ltd., for $53,555; Turfing and Blacksoil, awarded to Shing Loong, for $100,000 (estimated); Garden Road Pumping Station, awarded to Yip Lee Construction Co., for $115,300.10; Supply of annealed copper strips, awarded to Wing Cheung Co., for $13,980; Blood and Hair Contract, Ma Tau Kok, awarded to Hui Fook Ming, to pay Government $27,960; Purchase of animal grease, awarded to Ming Sun Ho at $300 per ton; New Territories beaches, awarded to Kan Kwong Chiu (in regard to Silvermine Bay, North Section) for $130, and Ko Ting Fung (in regard to Silvermine Bay, South Section), for $125; 48-inch Aqueduct, awarded to Wah Hing and Co. for $293,217; Site formation for new P.W.D. offices at Ma Tau Wei Road, Kowloon, awarded to Kason Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd., for $36,404.20; Supply of Rice, awarded to Yee Woo Loong Rice Trading Co. at $0.32 per pound; Purchase of roofing fibre felt and water pipe fittings, awarded to Hop Lee Cheung Metal Co., for $1,236.50; Supply of timber, awarded to Wing Tai Cheung Co. for $83,214, Wing Cheung Co. for $1,360, Manners Trading Co. for $55.30, Luenford and Co. for $7,176.10, Shun Tin Hong, for $1,191.60; and Hip Shing Timber Co. for $900; Purchase of miscellaneous tools, Ruston Bycyrus excavator and unserviceable launch, awarded to Kun Kee for $100, Ching Hing Construction Co. for $200, Yu Lan Auto Accessories Co. for $47,900, Fook Sang for $4,188.50, and Wing Fat Ho for $37,684, and Cutting and Edge polishing of safety glass, awarded to R. Corney and Co. Ltd. for $180 (estimated).

NATURALISATION

The following have been granted Certificates of Naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, 1948, it was announced in the Government Gazette this morning:

Mr Pao Chin-piao, known as James Pao; Mr Lowe Wing-on, known as James W. Low; Mr Nie Yung-loong; Mr Leslie Wong, known as Wong Yan-king; Mr Kwan Ching-tak; Mr Chan Hsun-kung; Mrs Lucy Shen Wo; Mr Hwang Sze-tian, known as Wong So; Mr Ng Kom-koo, known as Kom Koo; Dr Huan Shu-chia, known as Edward Huan Shu-chia; and Dr Tsoi Chun-wing.

His Excellency the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to accord formal recognition to Mr Arne E. Futsaether as Honorary Vice-Consul for Norway in Hongkong, it was announced in the Gazette this morning.

Man Who Crossed Atlantic In A Jeep Due Here

Former Indian Army officer Ben Carlin who crossed the Atlantic in a jeep in 1950 hopes to arrive in Hongkong today from Tourane, Indo-China.

Carlin, who made the crossing with his wife Ellnore, on the first leg of a world tour cabled Hongkong late last week asking "ham" radio operators to listen in each night at 0.20 on 7 megacycles. So far his signals have not been heard.

Australian-born Carlin saw his first amphibious jeep in India, just after the war. Casually, he turned to a friend and said "with a bit of ttivation you could go round the world in one of those."

The idea became an obsession and on discharge from the army he went to America for a jeep, but the "ttivation" took three years. The result was a jeep named "Half-Safe."

Little seems to have been heard of the Carlins since the Atlantic crossing but it appears that they have been wandering steadily around the world.

In his book "Half-Safe" Carlin says he expects to complete the last lap by the end of this year.

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